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8,000 power theft cases booked

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Coordination panel mooted to ensure govt. and Cong. are in sync

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To ensure smooth functioning between the State government and the Congress in Karnataka, the party has proposed to set up a coordination panel for evolving consensus on issues among leaders. » PAGE 7

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Coveted prize: Rohit Sharma and Pat Cummins with the ICC World Cup at the famed Adalaj stepwell in Ahmedabad on Saturday.

INDIA	AUSTRALIA
Beat Australia by **6 wickets**	Lost to India by **6 wickets**
Beat Afghanistan by **8 wickets**	Lost to South Africa by **134 runs**
Beat Pakistan by **7 wickets**	Beat Sri Lanka by **5 wickets**
Beat Bangladesh by **7 wickets**	Beat Pakistan by **62 runs**
Beat New Zealand by **4 wickets**	Beat Netherlands by **309 runs**
Beat England by **100 runs**	Beat New Zealand by **5 runs**
Beat Sri Lanka by **302 runs**	Beat England by **33 runs**
Beat South Africa by **243 runs**	Beat Afghanistan by **3 wickets**
Beat Netherlands by **160 runs**	Beat Bangladesh by **8 wickets**
Beat New Zealand by **70 runs** (semifinals)	Beat South Africa by **3 wickets** (semifinals)

THE PERFORMERS

BATTING

INDIA		AUSTRALIA	
Player	Runs	Player	Runs
Kohli	711	Warner	528
Rohit	550	Marsh	426
Shreyas	526	Maxwell	398

BOWLING

INDIA		AUSTRALIA	
Player	Wickets	Player	Wickets
Shami	23	Zampa	22
Bumrah	18	Hazlewood	14
Jadeja	16	Starc & Cummins	13

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T.N. re-enacts Bills denied assent by Governor Ravi

Most of the Bills are related to empowering State govt. to appoint Vice-Chancellors; withholding assent to Bills and returning them without giving reasons not acceptable, says Chief Minister Stalin

B. Kolappan
CHENNAI

The Tamil Nadu Assembly on Saturday, in a Special Session, again passed 10 Bills for which Governor R.N. Ravi had earlier withheld assent.

Earlier, the Assembly adopted a resolution moved by Chief Minister M.K. Stalin to reconsider and pass the Bills.

The main Opposition AIADMK and the BJP staged a walkout and were not in the House when the resolution was taken up for voting.

Of the 10 Bills, two were passed by the 15th Assembly during the AIADMK regime, and eight were under the current Assembly and immediately sent to the Governor for his assent.

Not holding back: Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin addressing a Special Session of the State Assembly on Saturday. DIPR

Most of the Bills which failed to get the Governor's assent are related to amendments in the laws of universities to empower the State government instead of Governor, who is the Chancellor, to appoint Vice-Chancellors.

"The Governor has kept the Bills for a long time and on November 13, 2023, without giving reasons, returned the Bills, mentioning 'I withhold assent'. The Assembly feels that withholding assent and returning them without giving reasons is not acceptable," said the Chief Minister.

In the Constitution

Article 200 of the Constitution says the Governor is bound to give assent when a Bill returned by the Governor for reconsideration is adopted again by the Assembly.

The Chief Minister said the Bills could be reconsidered under Rule 143 of the Tamil Nadu Assembly. As per Rule 143, when a Bill which has been passed by the Assembly is returned by the Governor to the Assembly for reconsideration, the point or points referred for reconsideration or the amendments recommended by the Governor shall be put before the Assembly by the Speaker and shall be discussed and voted upon in the same manner as amendments to a Bill, or in such other manner as the Speaker may consider most convenient for their consideration by the Assembly.

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Rescuers mull more options in Uttarkashi

Aroon Deep
UTTARKASHI

Rescue workers at the collapsed tunnel in Uttarkashi of Uttarakhand started exploring other ways to reach workers, including from the top of the mountain face through which the tunnel is being constructed, officials said on Saturday.

The 170-metre route from the top may take far longer to bore through than the approximately 60 metres of rubble at the southern entrance.

Rescue workers had worked on Saturday to install a third auger machine to pierce past this rubble, behind which 41 workers are estimated to be trapped. However, even late into the evening, this machine had not started drilling. Bhaskar Khulbe, a former adviser to the Prime Minister's Office deputed to the rescue site, put forth a tentative timeline of four or five days for the workers to get out through any of the approaches happening now.

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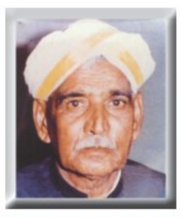

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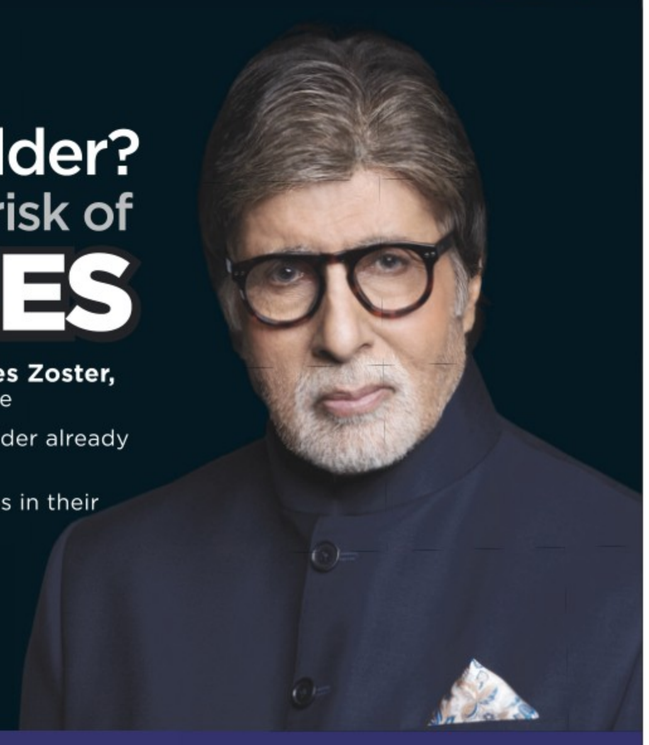

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*Age 50 years or older

1. Age related seroprevalence of antibodies to Varicella in India. August 2000 Indian Pediatrics 37(7):714-9 2. cdc.gov: bit.ly/3VXyMvy Last Accessed on 27/4/2023
3. Shingles Treatment, Causes, Pictures & Symptoms; eMedicineHealth;2021;1-69; 4. aad.org: bit.ly/3O39IRO Last accessed 3/4/2023. 5. Mayoclinic: bit.ly/42sy8c3 Last accessed 3/4/2023
#Individual patient symptoms of Shingles may vary. These statements are based on some patients' description of their Shingles pain and do not represent every patient's experience.
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Two sides: Mahouts with their elephants on their way to keep guard for wild elephants on the outskirts of Guwahati.

Breaking down: An elephant belonging to the Assam Forest Department demolishing illegal constructions inside the Amchan Wildlife Sanctuary during an eviction drive.

Jumbo irony: Villagers watch as an elephant arrives for an eviction drive inside the Amchan Wildlife Sanctuary.

Where have the elephants gone?

The jumbos in and around Guwahati face overwhelming odds stacked against them in their lopsided struggle for survival

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The challenges to human-wildlife coexistence has taken a toll on Assam's rich fauna, which is dwindling fast. If experts are to be believed, doomsday for Guwahati's wildlife population is only 10 years away unless remedial steps are taken without delay. According to field-level officials of Assam Forest Department, no effort has been made to develop a "strength, weakness, opportunity, threat framework" required for planning wildlife conservation in and around Guwahati city.

For a city which takes pride in 11 reserve forests – one of the highest urban wildlife concentrations in the world – there is no written plan till now for its management.

More than 40 elephants have been killed in Assam in the past three years. Poisoning, electrocution, illegal hunting, and last but not least, train accidents have been the cause.

Most of the fatalities have taken place near prime elephant habitats where the animals have been hit by trains mostly at night or during times of poor visibility. For the elephants, the chances of survival are near-zero after being hit by a passenger or goods train travelling in some speed of consequence. Even at 40 kmph, a full-grown elephant would have its life snuffed out within minutes of contact with a locomotive. And trains running through their habitat is not the only flashpoint that is worrisome. More than 4000 sq.km of reserve forest area in the State is under encroachment from settlers. Because of the disturbance to their natural habitat, these animals invariably cross over into human habitations. While 40% of the reserve forests now lie encroached, 90% of the encroachment was for dwelling purposes and the rest for extended cropping. According to the Central Empowered Committee, constituted by the Supreme Court, one of the main reasons for rampant encroachment is the lack of political will.

It is a battle between lopsided adversaries, where odds are overwhelmingly stacked against the elephants. Trains in Assam have been the cause of death of several elephants and have maimed many more. With elephants forced to wander out into human settlements in search of food owing to encroachment-induced depletion of resources, more deaths are perceived as inevitable.

Though the government had constituted the Guwahati Wildlife Division in January 2006 for effective management of wildlife conservation in the city, it still hasn't been able to chalk out a plan for the management of urban wildlife.

Staying alert: A villager Keeps an eye out for wild elephants near a field in Panbari village .

INBRIEF

Online services of Escoms to be unavailable for three days

Owing to the migration of software, online services of all five Escoms such as payment of electricity bills, name change, new connections, and tariff change will not be available for the consumers for three days starting from November 24 to 26, in 98 cities and towns. According to a Bescom press release, the upgradation works of both hardware and software have been taken up. Online services will not be available to consumers in 98 cities and towns including Bengaluru, Mysuru, Belagavi, Hubballi-Dharwad, Mangaluru, and Kalaburagi.

During these three days, online services such as payment of electricity bills, new service connections, name change, tariff change, and load change will not be available, and consumers and contractors have been requested to plan their electricity-related works accordingly, the release stated. However, during migration works of software, there will be no disruption in power supply to the consumers.

BSWML aims to earn ₹1,000 cr. annual revenue

Shreyas H.S.
BENGALURU

If everything goes as planned, the Bengaluru Solid Waste Management Limited (BSWML) will emerge out of the shadow of the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), and become an independent body, thanks to the Extended Producers' Responsibility (EPR) and garbage user fee.

As a first step, the BSWML has obtained GST to carry out business transactions. The company is aiming to earn a revenue of at least ₹1,000 crore annually through EPR and levying user fee for collecting garbage. While EPR has commenced, the company is expected to levy user fee in the coming days.

A senior official told *The Hindu*, "The BSWML has been working to become financially independent. When the company came up with the idea of introducing EPR, many had opposed it, but through consistent effort, it has become a reality now. At least ₹100 crore can be earned through EPR annually."

The official said the government wants the company to manage waste with its own money. "This can only be possible by levying a user fee. Waste producers have responsibility to pay a fee for the work that the company is carrying out. There are six slabs of user fee ranging from ₹30 to ₹500. The fee will collected through electricity bills. The company can sustain itself with ₹1,000 crore in annual revenue."

Bescom booked over 8,000 power theft cases in the last three years

Recently, a case was registered against former Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy for drawing electricity illegally from a pole for decorative lights at his residence for Deepavali

Jahnavi T. R.
BENGALURU

More than ₹33 crore has been recovered in fines in the last three years. FILE PHOTO

The Bangalore Electricity Supply Company (Bescom) has booked over 8,000 cases of power theft between the financial year 2021-22 and 2023-24 (until October 2023). The company has also recovered over ₹33 crore in fines from these cases.

According to a senior official from Bescom, there are two kinds of cases registered under power theft: backward billing cases (BBC) and compounding cases (CC). Under BBC, the consumers are penalised three times the tariff (depending on the category they fall in) for unauthorised use of electricity. However, these cases can be challenged in courts or any other forum.

CCs go to court, where, upon payment of the fine, the FIR lodged in the case will be closed. "It is like getting acquitted in a case," an official said. The fine here is calculated based on the sanctioned load, as the tariff is different for different loads. While the penalty recovered from these cases goes to the State government, the fine collected through BBCs goes to Bescom. Recently, a case of power theft was registered against former Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy for drawing power illegally from an electric pole for decorative lights at his residence for Deepavali. While saying that the offence had taken place in his absence and was immediately corrected as soon as it came to his notice, Mr. Kumaraswamy had also alleged that he was charged more than what he should have been under the case. A source revealed that a compounding case was registered in the case of Mr. Kumaraswamy. In FY 2021-22, Bescom booked 3,369 BBCs and 797 CCs, collecting a penalty to the tune of ₹13.92 crore, while in FY 2022-23, around 2,268 BBCs and 560 CCs were registered, and the penalty collected was ₹12.63 crore. In the ongoing FY, until October 31, 955 BBCs and 235 CCs have been booked, and ₹6.55 crore has been collected as fines, according to the data provided by Bescom.

"There is no direct relationship between the recovery and the cases as sometimes the recovery might have happened in the next FY also. So, there will be a gap between the total cases registered in an FY and the fines we collect," the official said.

While noticing a downward trend in the number of cases in the last few years, Bescom officials said they had been conducting regular vigilance and creating awareness about power thefts. "We check installations on a random basis and also based on information we get. We also conduct mass raids every week to crackdown on power theft," the official added.

Power theft cases

Financial year	Cases booked	Amount recovered
2021 - 22	4,166	₹13.92 crore
2022 - 23	2,829	₹12.63 crore
2023 – 24 (up to October 31)	1,191	₹6.55 crore
Total	8,186	₹33.11 crore

Source: Bescom

Doctor, two techies cheated of lakhs in courier scam

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Cyber crooks targeted a Bengaluru-based doctor and two software engineers. They made away with ₹63.2 lakh in separate incidents in a courier scam, which is giving the cybercrime police sleepless nights.

The doctor, a resident of Koramangala, in her complaint to southeast cybercrime police on Thursday, said she received a call from an unknown person claiming to be the executive of a courier company and informed her that there was a parcel in her name containing banned items. Before she could try to reason, the caller asked her to download an app for further conversation telling her that there are around 36 bank accounts found in her name.

Shocked, she tried to deny the allegation for which the caller, on the pretext of cross-checking her bank accounts, availed the details and withdrew ₹7.6 lakh. The fraud came to light when she started getting messages of online transactions and tried to contact the person, but in vain. Similarly, a 48-year-old resident in Begur complained to southeast police on Friday, that he was cheated of ₹29.6 lakh by a person posing as a courier company executive. The caller told him that there was a parcel to Taiwan from Mumbai in his name which contained banned items. The caller also informed him that his Aadhaar details were being misused by terror suspects and obtained bank account details for verification. Before he could realise, the accused had transferred all the savings from his bank account and went incommunicado.

A software engineer from Devarabisanahalli was earlier cheated in similar fashion on Wednesday. He told the Whitefield cyber crime police that the caller initially introduced himself as an executive from the courier company and later, his associate called him claiming that he was a police officer from the Mumbai crime branch and narrated the same story on a parcel with banned items to Taiwan and accused him of money laundering. The accused took the details of his bank accounts on the pretext of verification and transferred ₹26.2 lakh.

"It is natural for any person to panic when they get such calls accusing them of money laundering and illegal parcel. However, people should stay calm and not share any personal details as no officer either from the bank or from the police are authorised to seek personal details, that too over the phone," a senior police officer part of the investigation said.

Moreover, there are awareness campaigns on social media about the courier scam alerting people not to fall prey to such calls, he added. On Friday, City Police Commissioner B. Dayananda set up special task forcesto probe the growing number of cyber crime cases, one of which will probe courier scams in the city.

Govt. has outshone VC players in funding start-ups: Priyank

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Although the 'funding winter' has slowed down venture capital activities, Karnataka has emerged as the first State in India to provide grant-in-aid to start-ups without taking equity in return, according to Priyank Kharge, Minister for Information Technology and Biotechnology, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj.

The State government offered funding of around ₹200 crore to support 874 start-ups since the commencement of the Elevate Scheme, an initiative by the Department of Electronics, IT, BT and Science & Technology.

"In the last four years, the State has offered around ₹200 crore to 874 start-ups that operate across various business domains. No State government has done this. In fact, we have done better than private venture capital firms, especially when the funding industry is still talking about a funding winter," the Minister said in Bengaluru on Saturday.

According to the Minister, through the Elevate Scheme, the State has created a platform for start-ups even in Tier 2 and Tier 3 cities. "Interestingly, 24% of fund recipients are from Tier 2 and Tier 3 cities, and 30% are women entrepreneurs."

The government also initiated special programmes to equip Kalyana Karnataka by enhancing the start-up ecosystem in the region to compete with larger markets. Around 25 start-ups from Kalaburagi, Bidar, Raichur, Yadgir, Koppal, Ballari, and Vijayanagar districts have benefitted under Elevate Kalyan Karnataka initiative. Ninety-one startups were funded Under Elevate Unnati, a social inclusion programme started by the Social Welfare Department to promote startups by the SC/SC community.

The evaluation and selection process for this year's Elevate winners has already begun. Every year, around 100 startups would be selected with a commitment to grant ₹20 crore from the government, the Minister said. "We want to handhold the startup ecosystem. All these startups have cumulatively created thousands of jobs in the State. We want this process to continue with more vigour," the Minister said.

World of comics

Cosplayers pose for photos at the Bengaluru Comic Con on Friday. PTI

Millet cutlery and sericulture cocoon articles among innovative products available at Krishi Mela 2023

The edible cutlery products have been made since it is the international year of millets

Cheryl Jasline
BENGALURU

Of the many innovative products displayed at this year's Krishi Mela at Gandhi Vijnana Krishi Kendra (GKVK) was millet cutlery. The edible cutlery products have been made since it is the international year of the millets.

"One of our innovations is the millet cutlery, where we can use spoons, bowls, and forks which are developed by little millets," Bhavana, one of the students from the Department of Food Sciences and Nutrition at the University of Agriculture Sciences, said.

The team has also come up with products such as the pellets of maize, and basil pasta.

Visitors at Krishi Mela 2023, organised by the University of Agricultural Sciences-Bengaluru on Friday. SUDHAKARA JAIN

Another set of students, part of the Sericulture Department, have made specially crafted products using cocoon to make garlands, earrings, vases and sticks holding individual flowers. "By using the spinning wheel, we cook the cocoon and reel it to get silk," said Ishitha, one of the students.

Rinku Varma, is an assistant professor of the Forest and Environmental Department. Their department has come up with a method of creating biochar. Biochar is made out of waste products such as mulberry or straw waste. The char is made by the pyrolysis of the waste products, therefore reducing air pollution by avoiding open burning.

Farmers can use this for their fields along with other organic products such as farm yard manure and vermicompost to improve the quality of the soil by helping the carbon sequestration and water-nutrient retention. "We are looking to help farmers in getting better yield while being an entrepreneurial entity," Ms. Varma said.

In the second-day programme of Krishi Mela 2023 of Agricultural University, Bangalore, the Chamarajanagar and Mysore District-Level Progressive Farmer and Farmer Woman Award and Chamarajanagar and Mysore Districts Taluk-Level for Best Young Farmer Awards were distributed.

Speaking of the Farmer Woman Award, Ratnamma A.V. is one of those progressive women farmers, growing food crops like millet with more emphasis on integrated farming.

Her main occupation involves having her own cereal processing unit. Apart from grain products, she also makes various types of pickles gaining profit from villages as well as in a city like Bengaluru.

Biological pesticides

She has actively participated in the Krishi Mela, by opening stalls and displaying the products she sells. She has also adopted chemical methods in integrated pest and disease management using biological pesticides such as neem oil.

Krishi Mela has had a total of 5.48 lakh farmers in the mela, and the turnover ended up being around 1.38 crore people.

KSRTC bags SKOCH National Award

The Hindu Bureau
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Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC) bagged the prestigious SKOCH National Award - 2023 for its innovative ₹1 crore accident relief sarige Suraksha Insurance Scheme for its staff which is the first in the history of transport organisations in the country, according to KSRTC.

"SKOCH Group India is an independent think tank industry based in Delhi established in 1997, which has instituted SKOCH awards in 2003 for best governance, finance, technology and inclusive growth," KSRTC release stated. On Saturday at the 95th SKOCH Summit, Sameer Kochchar, president SKOCH Group presented the award.The corporation has so far distributed an accident insurance compensation cheque of ₹1 crore each to the nine dependents of its employees under this scheme, release stated.

Act of repentance: Villagers pay respects to a wild tusker which was poisoned to death while searching for food in Panbari village.

Grave sight: Carcasses of two female elephants hit by a train in Thakurkuchi village. Elephants coming under trains has beoome a common occurrence in Assam.

Risky crossings: An elephant tries to cross a road to feed on an agricultural field in the Amsoi reserve forest in Nagaon district of Assam.

Complex conflicts: A villager feels the trunk of a dead elephant hit by a train in Moinajan village in Kamrup district of Assam.

Last rites: Villagers pay their tributes to a dead elephant which was hit by a train at Moinajan village in Kamrup district of Assam.

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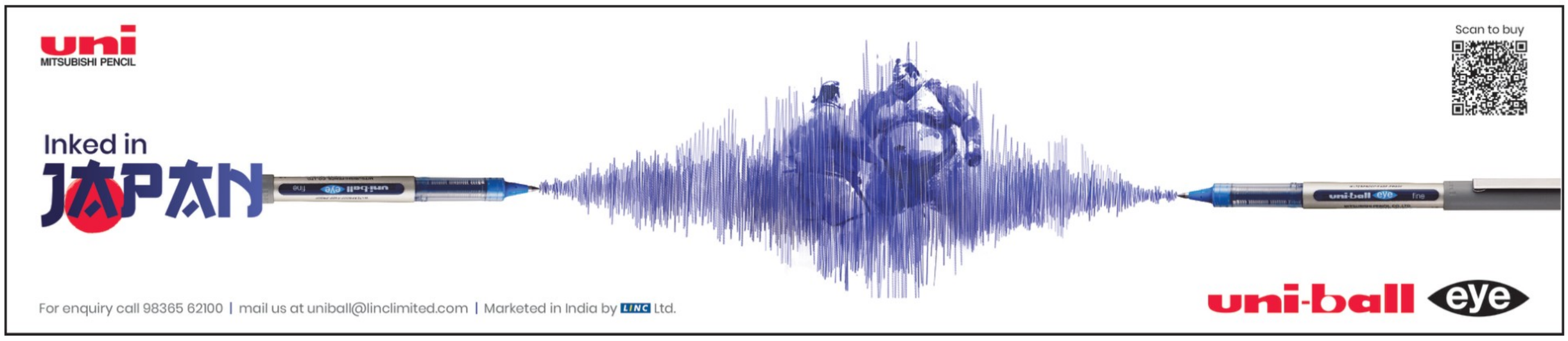

Bleeding blue: Bengaluru joins in cricket frenzy for ICC World Cup title clash

Other than pubs and restaurants around the city, apartment complexes and clubhouse at KSCA are organising community screenings of the final

Spoorthi Niranjan and Cheryl Jasline
BENGALURU

As the Indian team has set itself up for an epic finale in the cricket World Cup on Sunday, fans in Bengaluru, like the rest of the country, are gearing up to catch the men in blue in action in style. Having swept through all games with victories in this edition of ICC Men's Cricket World Cup, India will play Australia in the finale.

Many are planning to flock to community screenings across the city to cheer on Team India's return to the World Cup final after over a decade. Pubs and sports bars are expecting a significant crowd on Sunday.

Having swept through all games with victories in this edition of ICC Men's Cricket World Cup, India will play Australia in the final on Sunday. PTI

Fully reserved

Social on Church Street, which has got around 90 reservations for the screening of the final match, has come up with a specially curated menu for the World Cup, namely "StadiYUM", and those who order from there will have specially arranged spin-the-wheel games, cricket VR games as well as pop quizzes surrounding the World Cup.

Allister Braganza, Senior Regional Business Manager, Socials, said, "Generally, Sundays are anyway full, but now we'll host at least 150 extra people at all our branches. We have a special World Cup menu of 10-12 dishes and special beer. Most people have booked tables of 6-8, and everyone seems to be looking forward to experience this moment with their groups. It's going to be fun."

SkyDeck by Sherlock's, located on M.G. Road, is also expecting a large crowd on Sunday. "Reservations have already started for the weekend, I am overwhelmed because I am looking forward to seeing India possibly win for the third time," said Mohinder Poojari, manager of Skydeck. He said that there are two LED walls installed in the pub specially for the World Cup screenings. Arbour Brewing Company, which is screening the World Cup final, also has a specially curated menu for the World Cup matches. The menu includes food items that are coherent with the cuisines of the teams that have been playing each day. Srishti Chargir, the marketing associate of the pub, said that as the teams compete, so do the dishes presented in their menu. Prafulla Rayappagari, who runs Deck of Brews, off Marathahalli ring road, said, "We're expecting 300-400 people. We want to keep the hype going, so we've organised face painting, giveaways, and a quiz. When everyone stops everything they're doing– the waiters, customers, everyone– and stand in solidarity, it's wholesome to witness."

Other than pubs and restaurants, apartment complexes are organising community screenings for the World Cup finale. The Clubhouse at the Karnataka State Cricket Association will also be screening the match live. Almas Parveen, a resident of an apartment in Electronics City, said, "We've all pooled in money for a projector and to set up food stalls. We've been watching all the matches together and we're really excited especially to watch the final." Others are happy to witness the moment in the comfort of their homes. Mohammed Suhail, resident of Indiranagar, said, "For the first time in 12 years, we've reached a point where India can finish with no loss. I have all my friends coming home to watch the match."

Air ticket prices skyrocket

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

With India taking on Australia in the final of the ICC World Cup 2023 in Ahmedabad on Sunday, cricket fans from Bengaluru who are planning to watch the finale live from the stadium will have to shell out a fortune in case they have not already booked air tickets.

Flight fares on the route have shot up to ₹84,000, with barely a few seats remaining. A few remaining seats on Vistara Airlines portal on Thursday afternoon showed fares ranging from ₹57,032 to ₹74,031 (economy standard, economy-flexi category) from Bengaluru to Ahmedabad on the eve of the finale. On IndiGo, fares ranged from ₹26,999 to ₹30,000 for direct flights to Ahmedabad on Saturday.

Chitra Santhe on Jan. 7

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BENGALURU

The 21st Chitra Sante organised by Karnataka Chitrakala Parishath will be held on January 7, 2024. Artists who are interested in participating can apply online by November 30.

For details, visit www.chitra santhe.in, email chitrasanthe@chitrakalaparishath.org or call 080-22261816 or 080-22263424.

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RECRUITMENT OF GRADUATE EXECUTIVE TRAINEES THROUGH GATE-2023

NLC India Limited a premier 'NAVRATNA' Public Sector Enterprise had published indicative advertisement on 07-09-2022 (Advt. No. 08/2022) for recruitment of GETs using GATE 2023 score, informing the applicants interested in joining NLCIL to appear for GATE 2023. Accordingly, now NLCIL invites applications THROUGH ONLINE APPLICATION MODE for recruitment for the post of GRADUATE EXECUTIVE TRAINEES (GETs) in the following Disciplines on the basis of GATE 2023 Scores.

DISCIPLINE	GATE 2023 CODE	AREA 1 NUMBER OF POSTS FOR THERMAL POWER STATIONS & RENEWABLE ENERGY	AREA 2 NUMBER OF POSTS FOR MINES & ALLIED SERVICES	TOTAL NUMBER OF POSTS
Mechanical	ME	36	84	120
Electrical	EE	71	38	109
Civil	CE	15	13	28
Mining	MN	-	17	17
Computer	CS	18	03	21
TOTAL		**140**	**155**	**295**

For Detailed Information on Eligibility Criteria, Important Dates, Online Application, Upper Age Limit, Reservation & Relaxation and Selection Process etc., please refer to detailed advertisement to be released on **20-11-2023** in the career page of NLCIL Website **www.nlcindia.in**

PUBLIC SECTOR IS YOURS: HELP IT TO HELP YOU

Six months on, many taxi drivers yet to receive payments for poll duty

'Drivers had undertaken work for the Election Commission, police, and district authorities across Karnataka. But, they are yet to receive payments. Outstanding amount runs into lakhs of rupees'

Darshan Devaiah B.P.
BENGALURU

The association of cab drivers and owners has been urging the authorities to settle the outstanding amount, as the drivers rely on this money to repay their vehicle loans. FILE PHOTO

Despite the Karnataka elections having concluded six months ago, several taxi drivers' and owners' associations alleged that they still haven't received their overdue payments for the taxi services rendered during the Assembly elections.

Cab drivers, especially those in the coastal Karnataka region, are urging the timely release of payments for all vehicles employed during the Assembly elections. Speaking to *The Hindu*, Radhakrishna Holla, president of the Karnataka State Travel Operators' Association, said, "Many taxi drivers had undertaken election duties for the Election Commission, police, and district authorities across Karnataka. However, despite six months having passed since the elections were over, these drivers are yet to receive their payments. The outstanding amount runs into lakhs of rupees, cab drivers and owners in Dakshina Kannada and Udupi districts are still awaiting their due payments."

The association of cab drivers and owners has been urging the authorities in the district concerned to settle the outstanding amount, as the drivers rely on this money to repay their vehicle loans. Anand K., president of the Dakshina Kannada district taxi and maxi cab association, said, "During the elections, RTO officials had enlisted cab drivers in our district for election duties. Our drivers had personally covered expenses for fuel, food, and water while on election duty. Now, we are running pillar to post to get our hard earned money."

Memorandum

Recently, the association submitted a memorandum to the Dakshina Kannada district authority regarding this matter. According to Mr. Anand, drivers in Dakshina Kannada district alone have to get an estimated amount of ₹3 to ₹4 lakh for election duties. He emphasised that this delay is not an isolated incident, citing a previous instance where payment was received almost a year after the election.

Mr. Anand also pointed out that the government should rectify the unscientific fixing of rates for different classes of vehicles. "The current charges are inadequate to cover fuel and other expenses, resulting in financial losses for the drivers," he added.

Meanwhile, Speaking to *The Hindu*, Karnataka Chief Electoral Officer Manoj Kumar Meena said, "Vehicles were hired at the local level by District Election Officer (DEOs). We have released all money to DEOs. If there are specific complaints, we will look into them and solve them."

NMC reduces NEET 2024 syllabus; cuts nine chapters from chemistry, six from biology

Jayanth R.
BENGALURU

The National Medical Commission (NMC) has revised and released the syllabus of NEET 2024, instead of the National Testing Agency (NTA) this year. NMC has reduced the syllabus, by cutting nine chapters from chemistry and six chapters from biology, while adding some sub-topics.

NEET exam, which is the gateway for medical courses, will be conducted for a total of 720 marks, of which 360 are for biology, 180 for physics and 180 for chemistry.

NTA is the examination agency for the NEET, and had been releasing the syllabus every year. However, this year, NMC has finalised the syllabus for NEET 2024. In chemistry, NMC has deleted the following chapters – State of Matter, Hydrogen, The s-Block Elements, Environmental Chemistry, The Solid State, Surface Chemistry, General Principles & Processes of Isolation of Elements, Polymers, Chemistry in Everyday life. In biology, NMC has deleted the following chapters – Transport in Plants, Mineral Nutrition, Digestion and Absorption, Reproduction in Organisms, Strategies for Enhancement in Food Production, Environmental Issues. The NMC has added five sub-topics in physics and biology.

Experts' take

Experts are opposed to the reduction of NEET 2024 syllabus, calling it 'unscientific'.

Hanumantha Rao, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and Dean of Parishrama NEET Academy in Bengaluru, told *The Hindu*, "In chemistry, earlier there were 30 chapters, and now it has been reduced to 21. The deleted chapters were relatively easy and helped students improve their score. More importantly, some deleted chapters in biology are helpful to students in their medical education." He also flagged some practical issues. "We have already taught all the lesson to the students in chemistry, some of which have been cut by the NMC. It is useful for students anyway, but their planning for the exam will have to change. Any change in the examination or the syllabus should be carried out at the start of the academic year."

Confusion

In previous years, the NTA was releasing the NEET syllabus. But, this year the NMC has revised and released the NEET 2024 syllabus. This has led to confusion among students and coaching centres.

NTA has released the syllabus for JEE (Mains) 2024. Syllabus for physics and chemistry prescribed by NTA for JEE (Mains) 2024 is the same as what NMC has prescribed for NEET 2024.

"Will NTA release syllabus for NEET 2024? The government should clarify," Mr. Rao said.

Monika, a II PU student and NEET aspirant, said, "I am preparing for NEET 2024, along with II pre-university. I have joined a private tutorial for NEET training. Most of the chapters that have now been deleted from the syllabus have already been covered in the tutorials. I will have to change my study plan for NEET."

Two held for killing friend over trivial row

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Kothanur police have arrested two construction labourers from Jharkhand for allegedly killing their 22-year-old friend over a trivial row in a drunken brawl.

The accused Jagdev and Chandan Kumar were caught within 24 hours after the murder was reported before they could board a train to their hometown.

According to the police, the trio were daily wage workers. They were staying in a rented house in Byrathi along with others. On Thursday, they partied along with others and got drunk. In an inebriated state, the deceased Lakshman Manjhi started to humiliate and abuse the accused in front of others.

Enraged by this, the accused decided to kill him and followed Manjhi while he was returning home from the party. The duo confronted him at an isolated place and beat him before crushing his head with a cement brick. They left the body behind a PU college and escaped, said the police.

राज्य ललित कला अकादमी, संस्कृति विभाग, उत्तर प्रदेश द्वारा
मूर्ति के निर्माण एवं स्थापना हेतु
अल्पकालिक ई-निविदा सूचना

पत्रांक - 513 / 569 / 2023-24 दिनांक - 18.11.2023

संस्कृति विभाग, उत्तर प्रदेश द्वारा मूर्तियों के निर्माण/स्थापना के अन्तर्गत गुरू गोरखनाथ जी की 25 फीट ब्रॉज मूर्ति (बैठी हुई योगमुद्रा में) के निर्माण हेतु ई-निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है।

गुरू गोरखनाथ जी की ब्रॉज मूर्ति बैठी हुई योगमुद्रा में 25 फिट (मूर्ति बाघम्बर पर बैठी हुई 25 फीट होगी, आनुपातिक रूप से त्रिशूल, दांया हाथ वरदहस्त, बायां हाथ योगदण्ड पर, मूर्ति के दोनों तरफ एक-एक गाय रहेगी।) मूर्ति की स्थापना तपोस्थली, जायस, अमेठी, उत्तर प्रदेश में की जायेगी। निविदादाता तपोस्थली, जायस, अमेठी, उत्तर प्रदेश का स्थलीय निरीक्षण करते हुए प्रतिभाग कर सकते हैं। निविदा ई-निविदा वेबसाइट **https://etender.up.nic.in/ पर दिनांक 20.11.2023 सायं 04:00 बजे से दिनांक 30.11.2023 को अपराह्न 01:00 बजे** तक अपलोड की जा सकती हैं। निविदा **दिनांक 30.11.2023 को सायं 05:00 बजे** खोली जायेगी।

निविदा फार्म की धनराशि तथा धरोहर धनराशि से सम्बन्धित जानकारी ई-निविदा वेबसाइट **https://etender.up.nic.in/** पर उपरोक्तानुसार उपलब्ध होगी। निविदादाताओं द्वारा उपरोक्तानुसार टेण्डर फार्म एवं **EMD** की धनराशि राज्य ललित कला अकादमी, उत्तर प्रदेश, लखनऊ के यूनियन बैंक ऑफ इण्डिया, कैसरबाग शाखा, लखनऊ खाता संख्या-**028722010000882 IFSC Code - UBIN 0902870** में जमा करना होगा तथा यू.टी.आर. नं. ई-निविदा प्रपत्रों के साथ साझा करते हुए अकादमी की **ई-मेल-slka_up@yahoo.com** पर भी भेजना होगा।

निर्धारित तिथि व समय तक ई-निविदा वेबसाइट पर अपलोड निविदाएं उत्तर प्रदेश पर्यटन भवन, गोमतीनगर, लखनऊ/राज्य ललित कला अकादमी, उत्तर प्रदेश, लाल बारादरी भवन, ललित कला अकादमी मार्ग, निकट पुराना हाईकोर्ट, कैसरबाग, लखनऊ-**226001** में उपस्थित निविदादाताओं के समक्ष खोली जायेंगी।

निविदा निरस्त करने का अधिकार अध्यक्ष/मूर्ति निर्माण समिति, राज्य ललित कला अकादमी, उ0प्र0 के पक्ष में सुरक्षित रहेगा एवं निर्धारित शर्तों का उल्लंघन करने पर धरोहर धनराशि जब्त कर ली जाएगी।

-निदेशक

Government of Karnataka
Rural Development & Panchayat Department
Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Division, Chitradurga
Phone No.: 08194-234488 e-mail: eerdwsd.chd@gmail.com
Tender Notification No: EE/RDWS&SD/CTA/JJM / Tender/2023-24/1842 Date: 13.11.2023.

Short Term Tender Notification
(Two Cover System) Through e-procurement

Tender has been invited for the following work in Two cover system through e-procurement. Eligible tenders may obtain the details and tender documents and submitted the filled tender online through website view.http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in. Chitradurga Taluk 21 Works Rs. 2947.13 Lakhs and Molakalmur Taluk 02 Works Rs. 413.75 Lakhs. Total 23 Works Total Rs. 3360.87 Lakhs. Last Date for Receipt of Bids Date: 24.11.2023, Date of Technical Bid Opening 27.11.2023 and Date of Financial Bid Opening 28.11.2023. For Further details Office of Executive Engineer and also through e-port web site http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.

DIPR/CTA/KSMCA/338/2023-24

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
R.D.W.S. & S. Division, Chitradurga

Sreenidhi Souharda Sahakari Bank Niyamitha
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PUBLIC NOTICE - POSSESSION NOTICE

Sri. Rama Murthy G E & Sri. Anandan R

APPENDIX-IV
(See Rule 8(1)) r/w Sec. 13(4)(a)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of **M/s. Sreenidhi Souharda Sahakari Bank Niyamitha**, under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 (Central Act No.54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12),13(2) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued a demand notice **dated 04/08/2023** calling upon the Borrowers to **1. Rama Moorthy .G.E S/o Engamma Naidu, and 2. Anandan .R S/o. Rama Murthy .G.E both are residing at No.7, Katha No.620, Uttarahalli Main Road, Near Masala Hotel, Chikkallasandra, Bangalore-560061**, demanding to repay the amount of **Rs.74,04,903/- (Rupees Seventy Four Lakhs Four Thousand Nine Hundred and Three only), Rs.1,06,96,658/- (Rupees One Crore Six Lakhs Ninety Six Thousand Six Hundred and Fifty Eight only)** and **Rs.18,34,594/- (Rupees Eighteen Lakhs Thirty Four Thousand Five Hundred and Ninety Four only)** together with Interest and Costs thereon, being the loan amount due by them, **within 60 days** from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrowers have failed to repay the said amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property mortgaged to the Bank and described in Schedule herein below, together with all rights to transfer by way of Lease, assignment or sale for realizing the above mentioned amount (Secured Asset), in exercise of the powers conferred on him under Section 13(4)(a) of the said Act read with Rule-8 of the said Rules on this **17th Day of NOVEMBER 2023**.

The borrowers in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the said property and any dealings with the said property will be subject to the charge of M/s. Sreenidhi Souharda Sahakari Bank Niyamitha for a sum of **Rs.77,39,899/- (Rupees Seventy Seven Lakhs Thirty Nine Thousand Eight Hundred And Ninety Nine only), Rs.1,11,16,321/- (Rupees One Crore Eleven Lakhs Sixteen Thousand Three Hundred and Twenty One only)** and **Rs.18,70,495/-(Rupees Eighteen Lakhs Seventy Thousand Four Hundred and Ninety Five only) on 16/11/2023** together with interest and costs thereon.

DESCRIPTION OF THE SCHEDULE PROPERTY

Item No.1 : All that Piece and Parcel of Southern Portion of Immovable Property bearing No.6 and 7, Katha No.620, carved out of land bearing Sy No.56/1b and 58/1, Situated at Chikkallasandra, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore (converted vide order No.B.DIS.ALN.CR.33/1984-85, dated 11/12/1987 by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District), measuring East to West (51+40)/2 feet and North to South 48 feet, totally measuring an extent of 2184 Sq.ft and bounded on **East by:** Property belongs to Puttamma & Krishnappa, **West by:** Uttarahalli Road, **North by:** Remaining Portion of Site No.6 and **South by:** Property No.8 belongs to Anuradha.

Item No.2 : All that Piece and Parcel of Northern Portion of the Residential Vacant Site bearing No.8, Katha No.618, formed in Sy No.56/1B &58/1, Situated at Chikkallasandra Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore (this property converted for non-Agricultural residential purposes bearing official memorandum No.B.DIS.ALN.CR.33/1984-85, dated 11/12/1987 issued by the Spl.Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore, measuring East to West (56 + 50)/2 feet and North to South 20 feet, totally measuring an extent of 1060 Sq.ft and bounded on the **East by:** Private Property, **West by:** Uttarahalli Road, **North by:** Property No.7 and **South by:** Remaining portion of Property No.8 belongs to N. Radhakrishnan.

Item No.3 : All that Piece and Parcel of Northern Portion of the Property bearing No.6 and Southern Portion of Property bearing No.5, BBMP Khatha No.2426/621/5/56/1B, 58/1 old Khatha No.620, carved out of converted survey No.56/1B and 58/14, Situated at Chikkallasandra Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore (converted vide order No. B.Dis.ALN.CR.33/84-85, dated 11/12/1987 by the special deputy commissioner Bangalore District now comes within the administrative limits of BBMP Ward No.197, Vasanthapura, Bangalore together measuring East to West (40+35)/2 feet and North to South 24 feet, totally measuring 900 Sq feet and bounded on the **East by:** Property of the vendor now sold the purchaser, **West by:** Uttarahalli Road, **North by:** Remaining portion of site No.5 and **South by:** Remaining portion of the Property No.6 belongs to the purchaser G.E.Ramamoorthy.

Item No.4 : All that Piece and Parcel of the Residential Property bearing No-1-55/1, BBMP Katha No.460/471/1/55/1/448 (old katha No.448), situated at Chikkallasandra Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, now comes within the administrative limits of BBMP ward No.197, Vasanthapura, Bangalore, measuring East to West 43 feet and North to South 40 feet and in totally measuring 1720 Sq.ft and bounded on the **East by:** Road, **West by:** Property of vendor now sold to the Purchaser & Property of Purchaser Sri.G.E.Ramamoorthy, **North by:** Krishnappa House and **South by:** Private Property.

Date : 17/11/2023
Place : Bengaluru

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Sreenidhi Souharda Sahakari Bank Niyamitha

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY G20
TENDER NOTICE No. CN/10/2023
Dated :13-11-2023
The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-Tenders for the supply of following item.

Description in brief : 4 Core x 35 sq mm 1100 V grade, Stranded Aluminium Conductor Galvanised Steel Strip armoured, etc. **(Tender No. 95235460) (Qty : 8360 mtrs.)**

Last date for submission of bids: **Upto 10:30 Hrs on 05-12-2023**

For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in

Chief Materials Manager, Construction Bengaluru Cantonment
PUB/499/AAS/PRB/SWR/2023-24
South Western Railway - SWR SWRRLY SWRRLY

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client intends to purchase the below mentioned property from its present owners in possession Mr. Dilip T Mallecha and Mr. Arun T. Mallecha who have purchased the same from Mr. R. Narayanaswamy vide sale deed dated 13/04/2018.

The general public, banks, lenders, relatives, heirs etc., are hereby called upon to lodge their objections if any with me with regard to the property bearing No.5, BBMP PID No.100-247-5, situated at Nagashettyhalli, Kasaba hobli, Bangalore North Taluka measuring 5472 square feets and bounded on:

East By: Property of Doddappaiah and Bassappa,
West By: Property of Rangaswamy and Smt.Prabha H.P.
North By: Road, NTI society layout and
South By: Property of B.S.Venkatachalapathi, V.Premakumar and Jagadeesh Gowda T.C.

In case if anyone have any claim or rights over the said property, you can lodge your objections with cogent documents/records so as to reach me within 7 days from today, failing which, my clients may proceed to purchase the said property and any objections/claims raised later on will not be entertained and my client may be proceeding further.

Sd/-
Eashwar Prasad B, Advocate,
No.15, 4th floor, Grand Majestic Mall, Gandhinagar 2nd cross road, Bengaluru-560009.
8310039482-9448690314

Place: Bengaluru
Date: 19-11-2023

City Municipal Council, Chikkamagaluru
Office: 08262-230420 Fax: 0862232272 Commissioner: 08262-232272 Helpline:08262-232222 E-mail: comm_ckg@yahoo.co.in Website: www.chikmagalur.gov.in

No.: CMC/CKM/15th F/CR/17/2023-24 Date: 15.11.2023

e-Procurement Short-term Tender Notice

Tender is invited through e-procurement in two cover system from eligible class of contractors registered in PWD for implementation of the below mentioned works under 15th Finance Scheme for the year 2023-24. Those interested can submit Tender subject to conditions.

Sl.No. 1. Details of the Work: DMA/2023-24/BD/WORK_INDENT6403 **Approx. Amount (Rs. in lakhs):** 80.00 **E.M.D. (in Rs.):** 1,35,600/-

Cost of Tender Form – As per e-procurement, Time Period – 06 Months (Excluding Rainy Season)

1. Last date for submission of Tender in e-procurement: 22.11.2023 up to 17.30 Hrs.

2. Date of opening Technical Bid: 24.11.2023 at 11.00 Hrs.

3. Date of opening Financial Bid: 27.11.2023 at 11.00 Hrs.

4. Date of Tender Pre-Bid Meeting of Tender : 20.11.2023, 4.00 PM at City Municipal Council Office.

Further details can be obtained during office working hours and https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in If there are any changes, they will be published only in e-portal and will not be published in newspapers.

Sd/-Sri.Varasiddhi Venugopal,
President
City Municipal Council, Chikkamagaluru.

Sd/- Amrutesh Chennakeshava
Vice President
City Municipal Council, Chikkamagaluru.

Sd/- B.C. Basavaraju, K.M.A.S
Municipal Commissioner, City Municipal Council, Chikkamagaluru.

DIPR/ckm/No.106/ksmca/23-24/776

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ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ನಗರಾಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಕೋಶ, ಜಿಲ್ಲಾಧಿಕಾರಿಯವರ ಕಚೇರಿ ಸಂಕೀರ್ಣ, ನಂ: 101 "ಎ" ಬ್ಲಾಕ್, ನೆಲ ಮಹಡಿ, ರಜತಾದ್ರಿ, ಮಣಿಪಾಲ, ಉಡುಪಿ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ, ಉಡುಪಿ – 576104
Ph: 0820-2574933 Email: dudc_udupi@yahoo.co.in
Indent No: DMA/2023-24/SE0719 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 17.11.2023

ಮರು ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ (ಇ-ಪ್ರಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಮಾತ್ರ)

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K.K.R.T.C. CE DIVISION BALLARI
Near SP Circle, Siruguppa Road, Ballari
No.KKRTC/EE/CEB/DB/452 /2023-24 Dated: 15-11-2023

TENDER NOTIFICATION NO. 06 /2023-24
Through GOK e-procurement platform
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1.Tender Details: Face lifting and Elevation Works and Construction of Divisional Controller office and Guest House for Officers in First Floor and other development works in Central bus Station at Ballari. **2.A/c Head :** 2023-24 DULT 50%, Capital Exp. Fund 50%. **3.Amount put Tender:** Min.Rs. 833.40 Lakhs, Max. Rs. 833.40 Lakhs. **4.Contractor Eligibility :** As per e-Procurement. **5.Tender Verification Last Date:** 12-12-2023 @ 5:00 PM. **6.Tender Form Value & EMD Amount:** Tender Form Value & EMD Amount As per e-Procurement. **7.Last Date & Time for uploading Tender:** 15-12-2023 @ 17:00 Hrs. **8.Date for Opening of Tender Bid :** 18-12-2023 @ 11:00 Hrs. **9.More information & Contact Address :** Kalyana Karnataka Road Transport Corporation, Civil Engineering Division, Ballari Mob. No. 7760992035, 9972039797 / 08392 - 294828. **10.Website Address :** The tender document can be viewed on e-Procurement Portal on after Date: 20-11-2023 **www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
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No. KPCL/2023-24/IND0628 Date: 10.11.2023

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Presiding Officer
For School Management

Tourists need better facilities at Hampi, says Karnataka HC

Requests Advocate-General to convey its suggestion to the State govt. to take necessary steps as tourism yields good revenue to the exchequer

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Stating that the World Heritage Site of Hampi needed better tourism infrastructure and facilities for tourists, the High Court Karnataka on Saturday requested the Advocate-General to convey its suggestion to the State government to take necessary steps as tourism would also yield good revenue to the exchequer.

A Division Bench, comprising Chief Justice Prasanna B. Varale and Justice Krishna S. Dixit, made these observations orally while hearing a PIL petition filed in 2016 on the issue of illegal buildings in prohibited and regulated zones of Sowmya Keshava temple, an ancient monument, situated at Nagamangala in Mandya district.

Karnataka was number one in tourism in the 1990s, and now perhaps Madhya Pradesh was in the top position, the Bench said.

The government can consult experts for creating better facilities by adhering to the norms attached to World Heritage Sites, HC said.

Hampi required better tourism facilities as the existing facilities were not sufficient for tourists and the government had to do something to address the issue, it added.

The government could always consult experts for creating better facilities by adhering to the norms attached to World Heritage Sites, the Bench said.

Small countries

Pointing out that there were several small countries in the world whose Budget depended entirely upon the income from tourism in the absence of industrial and other sources for generating revenue, the Bench said the State government could adopt best practices in tourism as Karnataka had a large number of tourism destinations that could generate good revenue if proper facilities were provided for tourists at such places.

Hampi requires better tourism facilities as the existing facilities are not sufficient for tourists and the government has to do something to address the issue, says the court

Meanwhile, the Bench directed the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) to issue notices to owners and occupants of 1,566 buildings, as found in ASI's survey, existing around the Sowmya Keshava temple to verify whether the buildings were built illegally in violation of the provisions of the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, 1958.

During the earlier hearing, the Bench had expressed displeasure over the slow pace of action by the Mandya district administration and the ASI in surveying constructions around the temple, and initiating further action despite a direction issued in this regard by the court in 2020.

Farmers air their grievances and submit a slew of demands to CM

The Hindu Bureau
MYSURU

A delegation of farmers from Karnataka State Sugarcane Cultivators Association met Chief Minister Siddaramaiah at his residence in the city on Saturday and submitted a slew of demands including a higher Fair and Remunerative Price (FRP) for the crop.

The delegation was led by the association president Kurubur Shanthakumar who said that private sugar mills in the Mysuru-Chamarajanagar belt were denying the farmers a remunerative price on crop procurement.

"This was in contrast to the situation elsewhere in the State where private sugar mills were procuring the crop at a higher rate as the demand had exceeded supply," he added. Though as many as four meetings had been conducted between the authorities and the factory management, the issue was yet to be resolved and the district in charge minister H.C. Mahadevappa has not responded, said Mr. Shanthakumar.

A delegation of farmers with Chief Minister Siddaramaiah at his residence in Mysuru on Saturday . M.A. SRIRAM

Nearly 25,000 farmers from Varuna assembly segment supply sugarcane to the private factory in the region and yet their interest was not being upheld by the government, he added. The delegation came down heavily on the State government attitude towards the farmers and said that it was similar to that of the Union government's which tried to suppress the farmers agitation against farm laws in Delhi last year.

"You were in the Opposition and had described the Modi's government's tactics to break farmers agitation as anti-democratic and had supported the farmers' cause. But now the administrative machinery of the State was displaying similar highhandedness," said Mr. Shanthakumar in his interaction with Siddaramaiah.

The farmers were airing their grouse on their preventive detention by the police at midnight on Friday. "The police should be cautioned against resorting to such tactics which is reserved for anti-social elements," Mr. Shanthakumar added. The delegation urged the Chief Minister to take steps to release funds to the farmers as drought relief measure. Farmers are in distress and an immediate release of funds will help them tide over the crisis, said the members of the delegation.

It is not enough to declare the State as drought-affected and relief measures should be in place, the delegates added.

Other demands included the supply of 10 hours of electricity during day and, higher Fair and Remunerative Price for sugarcane to match the cultivation cost. In response to the farmers, Mr. Siddaramaiah assured the farmers that the government would uphold their collective interests. The Chief Minister also said that a meeting of sugar mills will be convened on November 21 to thrash out the issue. He assured the delegation that the police would be directed to be more thoughtful dealing with the farmers.

Dog hit by train at Arsikere rescued

The Hindu Bureau
MYSURU

A dog which was knocked down by a speeding train in Arsikere was rescued and shifted to Mysuru where it is undergoing treatment.

People For Animals (PFA), Mysuru received a call from Shubham Sikar, a railway employee that a dog was hit by the Vande Bharat train at Arsikere which is about 135 km from Mysuru, on Friday evening.

The PFA which responded immediately sent an ambulance with Dr. Amardeep, a veterinarian, along with other ambulance staff Murthy to Arsikere. The journey from Mysuru to Arsikere took about 3 hours and 30 minutes and on reaching the spot the team found that the dog was still alive and was in pain.

Treated on spot

The injured dog was administered medication and treated on the spot and then safely transported back to Mysuru.

The PFA authorities said the dog has received painkillers and but X-ray revealed a spinal injury. Other medications have also been administered to aid the recovery process.

Prompt response

"This incident serves as a reminder of the importance of prompt response and action towards animals in need and the imperatives of providing timely treatment," said the PFA. The condition of the dog and its recovery was being monitored, it added.

Udupi murders: Weapon and other materials recovered

The Hindu Bureau
MANGALURU

The Udupi district police on Friday and Saturday seized from a flat at Bejai in Mangaluru the weapon and other material allegedly used in the recent murder of Haseena and her children Afnan, Aynaz, and Asim. According to the police, the recovery was made when they had brought the alleged assailant Praveen Arun Chowgale to the flat where he was staying. Among the materials that were recovered are the car, the mask, and a few other things that were allegedly used by Chowgale for committing the crime. Earlier in the day, Haseena's husband, Mohammed Noor, and son Asad called on Udupi Superintendent of Police K. Arun and felicitated the latter in appreciation of the Udupi police's effort in quickly arresting the alleged assailant.

Cheluvarayaswamy inaugurates 'Bellada Parishe', agriculture stall

The Hindu Bureau
MYSURU

It's an opportunity to get to know about agriculture and how crops are cultivated as the Department of Agriculture launched its stall that gives an understanding on farming to visitors at the Dasara exhibition here on Saturday.

Agriculture Minister N. Cheluvarayaswamy at the Bellada Parishe as part of the launch of the Agriculture Department's stall at Dasara exhibition in Mysuru on Saturday.

Minister for Agriculture N. Cheluvarayaswamy, accompanied by MLAs Ramesh Bandisidde Gowda and Ravikumar from Mandya, inaugurated the stall and also 'Bellada Parishe' which gives a peek into the diversity of jaggery that is predominantly produced in Mandya, which is one of the largest producers of sugarcane in the State. The jaggery types produced in Mandya were on display.

The officials from the department explained to the Minister the exhibits at the stall, including drones that are specially displayed to explain their use for spraying pesticides.

The paddy and sugarcane varieties that are cultivated in Karnataka are also on display. Visitors could see the traditional farm implements that are on display.

Timings
BENGALURU

SUNDAY, NOV. 19		
RISE	06:20	SET 17:50
RISE	11:50	SET 23:34
MONDAY, NOV. 20		
RISE	06:20	SET 17:50
RISE	12:38	SET 00:00
TUESDAY, NOV. 21		
RISE	06:21	SET 17:50
RISE	13:23	SET 00:32

Bengaluru Weather	max	min
Tumakuru	31	23
Mysuru	31	21
Bengaluru	30	19

Bengaluru Today
28°C A mostly dry weather to prevail. Morning will be slight cool with mist and haze. Day will be comfortable. Night also will be slight cool.

Bengaluru Tomorrow
27°C The weather will be comfortable but humid. Night also will be pleasant. Spell of light rain and thundershower is likely to occur.

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Man loses ₹25 lakh to online trading app

The Hindu Bureau
MANGALURU

A resident of Mangaluru has lost ₹25 lakh to an online stock trading app.

In a complaint to the Mangaluru Cyber Economic and Narcotic Crime police station, the victim said he received on his Instagram account a link related to an online stock trading app, which promised good returns for investment.

The complainant sought action against persons who cheated him of ₹25 lakh. The CEN police registered his complaint for the offence punishable under Section 66 of the IT Act.

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TAMIL MUSLIM Girl, 28/165cm Electrical Engineer, Singapore Citizen, Good looking Seeks suitable alliance– NRI, Overseas Educated, Good Family, Willing to relocate Ct: 8056007500/email: habeebmillennia@gmail.com

SWE BE MNC Chennai 40/167cm 20Lac p.a BC from Coimbatore, 1st Marriage Mirugaseerisham Rishaba Rasi, seeks Groom BC/FC only. Ct: 89394-68628.

CSI CHRISTIAN. 25yrs, BDS, Seeks Born-again, Suitable Groom. MDS, MD, ME. UK Preferred.Ct:9790792378

TAMIL MUSLIM Singaporean 24yrs /1.62m, Aerospace Eng (Hons)NTU SPORE. Currently Pursuing MSc in UK. Slim & Fair, well settled, educated family seeking suitable Groom, 26–28 Yrs Master's/Professional Slim & Fair from a decent, educated & affluent Tamil Muslim Family Email bio pic sf.mustafa19@gmail.com

CHRISTIAN NADAR. 25Y MBBS, Dr. 60k/pmSeeks. Dr. Eng, Govt. Good Family Back Ground by Cathrin: 7397776597

PILLAI/ MUDALIAR B.E/Kettai / MNC, 1996 Born, Reputed Business family seeks alliance. Ph: 98400 93322

TAMIL YADAVA Girl (Divorcee) BE, MBA Software Engineer 38 Years seeks alliance from Engineers / Professionals.Caste no bar. Call. 9444915440

SC AD Hindu, BE MBA, SBI Manager, 35yrs, Mesham–Bharani, seeking suitable & qualified Groom. Ph–8056104103

HINDU NADAR girl, 29 yrs, 168 cms, 65kg, ME, Thiruvathirai, Mithunam Seeks well settled, qualified groom. Ct : 96265 15511

DOCTOR DCH,MD(PATHOLOGY) 38yrs, Hindu, BC, Divorcee without Child, temporarily working in Government, seeks well settled, compatible & affectionate Groom. CNB. Ph: 9176289180

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HINDU, MUDALIYAR 25y / 158cm /kannada / Tamil/Mca lecturer/divorcee seeks well settled, clean habits boy with very good family background (CNB) CT.9036778054

GROOM WANTED Rich Gounder, 31yrs, M.Arch, Elite Business Family in Chennai, CNB Ct: 9710093999/8939691888

SC (AD), 24yrs, BE, Well Educated Family Background. Seeks Suitable Groom Contact: 9710093999/8939691888

GROOM WANTED Hindu Nadar BE, 30/165, 50000, Divorcee, Caste No Bar, KA Raman Nadar 9380791999/9047192999

SC ADIDRAVIDA Divorced No Child, Age 38 BE EEE Wkg in MNC .Well settled. Seeks Suitable Groom. 9940347310

HINDU NADAR 29yrs 156cm MBBS, MD (Divorce) seeks Dr./ Er./ Any Govt Officer in Chennai. Ct: 8939005008

PILLAI 29 5.4" MBBS MS Chennai seeks PG Dr /Business Groom Chennai : Geetham 9884858014

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HINDU NADAR, 26/165cm, B.Tech, MBA/ IIM,1.5lakhs/pm, Seeks Suitable Groom Contact: 9380791999/9047192999

HINDU VELLALAR Pillai/ Mudaliar Barani Mesham 35Yrs MD (Paed.), Govt Doctor seeks suitable groom age-36 to 39yrs. Cont:9944227062

VANNIYAR 26/160cm / Ayilyam / Fair M.S (Data Science) UK Employed Seeks Educated, Employed Groom, Contact : 81484 17799

TAMIL

HINDU VALLUVAN 33/167 BE MBA SWE/ Bank Swathi Chennai, seeks suitable groom, Caste No Bar. Ct: 9444053003

AGAMUDI MUDALIAR Elite Family 32/165 Mirugasim, Raghu in Lagnam PG (HR MNC) Seeks IIM/PG Groom. 9176780777

SAIVA PILLAI 25/168 Uthiratathi CA / BIG 4 Seeks professionally qualified groom from same sect. 94873 17823

MUDALIAR (CNB) 27/V.Fair & Beautiful, MBBS, MS (OG) doing, Chennai, Father Business, Elite Family, Seeks groom Doctor/ Business–8939012419

MUDALIAR 25/170 BE, Beautiful, DY Mgr,Ashok Leyland ,900000. PA,Affluent Fmly, CNB. 9043991629, 9043987029

HINDU/SC.AD, 27/5'2" MCA, TA @ Infosys, 10L/p.a. Simmam/Magam. Same Caste Groom from Chennai. 9840365908

HINDU NADAR Age: 37, 5.8 Divorcee, No Issue, Doctrate in MathematicsWorking in Pvt Engg Clg.Seeks Well Settled, Educated Professional \Groom:sairamravi708@gmail.com

PILLAI / MUDALIAR, 34, MD, Well Settled family seeks Groom aged 34-36 yrs, Engineer/ Business/ Doctor. Contact: 93458 55735

26 YEAR, fair and good looking academic in the US seeks Hindu Agamudaiyar groom. 7010267162

MUDALIAR, 28YRS/165 Cm, Fair & Good Looking, MBBS, MD, (Paed), working in Hospital, Affluent & Well settled Family Seeks Groom PG Doctors/ Business/ Engrs, Contact: What's app no. 8778514465/ call 7200866346

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Hindu Adidravida Hastham 28/156cm BE MNC16L Pa seeks suitable alliance from Govt, PSU, IT. Ct: 94441 55781

YADHAVA,Aswini, 26/170cm, B.Tech working in Canara Bank as Officer seeks suitable Groom fromTN, Tamil / Telugu/Subsect no bar.Ct: 9952949685

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TELUGU

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BRIDES WANTED

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TAMIL

VELLALAR /SUBSECTS 27 years B.com BL.14Lacs MNC Chennai Minimum Graduate Veg/Non Veg Contact:7358200722

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TAMIL

PILLAI, 42/172, BA, Fair, Handsome, Working Media, 7L p.a. Seeks Suitable Educated, Fair Bride 8870099659

HINDU NADAR–29Y, B.Tech, M.S./USA / 20 Lakhs/P.M, Father Bank. Seeks want to go to USA. Ct: 7397776595

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TAMIL

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TAMIL

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WANTED A friendly, cheerful bride for a issueless Divorcee December 1988 star –Magam 170cm Own business Monthly income 4 Lacs ct: 9444034460

AGE 35 Handsome, Comfortable Groom needs VIP Girl and first Marriage, Remarriage, Divorce. Ct: 9600240593

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BRIDE WANTED Rich Mudhaliyar 27yrs B.Tech MS(US) Well Educated Family Working in US.9710093999/8939691888

TAMIL

HINDU NADAR, 30/175, BE, 300000, Seeks Suitable Bride Ct: KA Raman Nadar 9380791999/ 9047192999

SC AD, 27/ M.Tech/ Engineer/ DLF 70,000.pm, Chennai, Seeks suitable bride. Ct: 8939177665

NAIDU– CASTE No Bar– 25Y – BE,MBA Fair– 6 Lak / PA. Seeks Suitable Girl Normal Family Ok. Ct : 7358638363

SC AD 35, BE MBA(IIM), 170cms, MNC, 1.6L per month. Mutually divorced. Doctor parents. Well settled. Looking for bride 27–32 yrs. CNB. Divorced or Unmarried. Ph–+91–9444411603

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TAMIL

IYER VADAMAL, Kasyapa Poorattathi 44yrs / 161cm, M.Sc, Working in MNC Chennai, 18L P.A, seeks Educated Employed/Un Employed Bride. subsect No Bar. Ct:9943306563/044-29503379

BE, MS PhD (IITM), Star-Swathi, 30 yrs, Fair, 174cm, MNC B'lore, seek B'ful PQB, Pillai/Mudaliar, 9840161742

INTERCASTE NAIR Age 37. Legal Manager, Private Company Chennai. Own House. Ct : 9840699500 / 8778856080.

TELUGU

NAIDU 28/180 Handsome, B.Tech, Associate TL,MNC, 2000000.PA, Affluent Family, CNB. 9043991629, 9043987029

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Balija 29/175 Barani, B.Tech, IT - Engr Entrepreneur 14Lac Pa seeks qualified Bride. Sub-sect no bar. Ct:9940541092 Email: srgeetha@live.com (Send BHP)

BALIJA Naidu, 29/173cm Viruchigam, Kettai B.E, MBA HR-Associate, US Co. working in chennai seeks good looking Qualified Bride Ct: 98408 82910

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DIVORCEE

AGE 58 second divorcee 6 Lakh PA income, seeking issueless bride. No expectations .suitable alliance are invited. Ct.82204 47993

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DOCTOR DM interventional Radiology NHS UK 36/178 B'lore Tamil seeks MD/DM Bride Caste & Language No bar, send BHP, Ct: 9448619574 ponnjayanthi@gmail.com

Hindu AD, 28/165cm, M.D. Anesthesia well settled in Chennai Seeks Doctor Bride. Caste No Bar. Ct: 94442 18149 E-mail:- mrrson@gmail.com

DR. BRIDE WANTED

MUDALIAR 29 yrs / 180 cm/ 52 kg / Teetotaler doing D.M. Nephrology / Ayilyam / seeks well settled Doctor Bride doing PG/SS in Mudaliar or SUBSECTS.

CT 9443244060

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TAMIL MUSLIM 29yrs/176cm handsome SW Engr.in USA– MS– CS (Houston–USA) well settled, Educated Family in Chennai, seeks suitable bride– Fair, Tall (5'4"–5'9"), age(24–27yrs), working / Studying in USA or willing move to USA from a decent, Educated, Tamil Muslim Family. Ct: Whatsapp 9444149649 with biodata & Photo.

KAMMA NAIDU 34 yrs /177cm, seeks Bride for Divorcee Male, BE. Software Engineer with PG. Dip in Finance Good Looking, Australian Citizen well Settled. Contact: +91 63815 75391 Email: rajiniraj1953@gmail.com

MUDALIYAR, 26YRS, 178cm, V.Fair, Handsome, Thiruvonam, No Dosham, B.E. (Civil), Sr.Design Engr., L& T– Chennai, seeks suitable Bride, Subsect no bar. Ct: 9444398256/8754468741

SENGUNTHAR, 38/165, Widower, NRI. 65 Lacs, B.E. 2 Kids live together. Caste, Education, Wealth No expectations. Looking for unmarried family oriented girl. 7904495268

40 YRS, IT Professional, Australian Citizenship. Seeks Bride MBBS Doctor, Willing to Settle in Australia, Caste No Bar, Divorcee also Pref. without Child. Age 35 to 40yrs. Ct: 98844 83605

✔ HINDU NADAR, Tamil boy, 28 Yrs., 174cm/65kg, wheatish brown, clean habits, B.E, MBA(USA), currently working in USA, Will relocate to India in few years. Seeks educated, smart girl. Age 23–27. Call/WhatsApp 9940353520.

SC 33/172 Doctor fair Vellore seeks doctor girl to look hospital own, caste no bar, Native North T.N 9442477699, Email: jsdco2012@gmail.com

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TAMIL

SOZHIA Vellalar Only son 25/174 cm SWE 12Lac p.a,Fair Good Looking Affluent family seeks Bride.99655-38166.

VANNIYAKULA KSHATRIYA ,Age 32, Uthiram ,BE – 2 Lakhs/ month Working @ Hyderabad, Caste No Bar 9840306926

MUDALIYAR/ PILLAI 31/ 172, B.Tech, MBA, Fair, Swathi Looking for Bride Good looking Qualified working girl, Chennai. Ct: 7200150474

BRIDE WANTED, SC(AD), 31yrs, ME, Working in MNC, 2.5L/pm,Well Educated Background. 9710093999/8939691888

NAIDU 43 BE/MBA Divorce Software Unmaried/Divorce Widow Bride without child BC,MBC 9841520881/9841402164

CHETTIYAR, 29YRS, BE, 2Lakhs per month, IT Engineer.Seeks Suitable Bride Contact: 9710093999/8939691888

Hindu Naicker 45, BBA., Own Business, CNB seeks bride widow/divorcee with child. CT:89037-12843.

MUDALIYAR (SUB Caste NB) affluent fly, Thiruvathirai, Mithunam, 6.1 ft, 28yrs 1month, V fair & Handsome, Wipro Sr Dev, 20L PA, NV, seeks bride from UM Class, same community, slim, V fair & beautiful, above 5.3 ft, well educated, good Character & fly, job/not working. No brokers. Ct Whats up 94432 28917/94445 40254

MUDALIAR 26/173CM B.E(CS). M. Sc(Ireland) DevOps Engineer, Working in Ireland,looking for Bride 8056123202

RC CHRISTIAN, 41yrs/170, B.E Software Engineer, working in mnc, Chennai, never married, CT–9500188067

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INBRIEF

FoSCoS portal launched in multiple regional languages

Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI), Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, launched the Food Safety Compliance System (FoSCoS) portal in multiple regional languages. FSSAI, in a release, said the portal is now available in Gujarati, Tamil, Telugu, Marathi, apart from Hindi and English languages. It plans to launch the portal in Kannada, Punjabi, Malayalam, Assamese, Bengali, and Odia in the near future, added the release.

Former Chief Secretary B.K. Bhattacharya passes away

Former Chief Secretary of Karnataka, B.K. Bhattacharya *(in picture)*, passed away on Friday. He complained of breathlessness about a couple of days ago and was admitted in Manipal Hospital in the city. He was 83. Members of the IAS Officers' Association have expressed grief over his demise. He is survived by wife Teresa Bhattacharya, who also served as Chief Secretary, and two children, a release said.

Coordination panel mooted to ensure State govt. and Congress party are in sync

'It will have five members: two representatives each from Cong. and govt., and one from AICC'

Nagesh Prabhu
BENGALURU

The idea behind the panel is to avoid confrontation between Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar on announcing schemes or making statements on issues ahead of the 2024 general elections. FILE PHOTO

For ensuring smooth functioning between the State government and the Congress in Karnataka, the party has proposed to set up a coordination committee for evolving consensus on various issues among leaders.

The coordination committee will have five members, two representatives each from the Congress and the State government. One representative from the All India Congress Committee (AICC), the AICC general secretary in charge of Karnataka, is likely to be the fifth member of the panel, party sources told *The Hindu*.

To ensure uniformity

The proposal was mooted to ensure uniformity in the stands taken by the party and the government on schemes and programmes of the government. The party functionary said it was proposed that all government schemes be discussed in the party meetings before they are announced by the government.

The idea behind the panel was to avoid an apparent confrontation between Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar on scoring political mileage on announcing schemes or making statements on various issues ahead of the 2024 general elections.

The two have not seen eye-to-eye on the issue of the post of Chief Minister after the first 30 months of the government. Moreover, some of the announcements such as the proposal on naming Ramanagara district as Bengaluru South District have not gone down well with the Chief Minister.

Some of the Ministers speaking on internal matters of the party in public have reportedly angered Mr. Shivakumar, who has on many occasions asked his leaders not to go before the media on party matters. Congress Chief Whip Ashok Pattan's views on the Cabinet shuffle, Minister for Cooperation K. Rajanna's statements on creation of four more posts of Deputy Chief Ministers, and some of the Ministers' statements to the media saying that Mr. Siddaramaiah would continue in the post of the Chief Minister throughout the term has caused much embarrassment to the government.

Electoral strategy

The panel would also ensure a smooth process in adoption of an electoral strategy of the party as well as the government in the 2024 general polls.

The selection of Lok Sabha candidates would be screened by the committee before finalising it by a higher panel at the AICC, sources said.

AICC general secretary Randeep Singh Surjewala is expected to participate in all coordination meetings to ensure unanimity between the party and the government.

Siddaramaiah and HDK continue to spar over transfers

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Continuing his attack on Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, JD(S) State president H.D. Kumaraswamy alleged that an official's name mentioned in a phone conversation between the CM and his son Yathindra had figured in the transfer list of police inspectors released the previous night. The Chief Minister soon responded stating that Mr. Kumaraswamy had taken to fabricating stories in an attempt to mislead people.

On Thursday, Mr. Kumaraswamy had sought to link a phone conversation between Mr. Yathindra and his father, widely circulated on social media, to allege a 'cash for postings' scam, a charge rejected by the Chief Minister.

On Saturday, sharing the transfer list containing 13 names, which was issued by the Police Department on Friday, Mr. Kumaraswamy said it showed the transfer of an official, Vivekananda, from State intelligence to V.V. Puram police station in Mysuru. He claimed it was the person who figured in the phone conversation.

Reacting immediately, the Chief Minister said: "Although the record had proved beyond doubt that his conversation with Mr. Yathindra related to development of government schools in Varuna constituency, Mr. Kumaraswamy continues to spread lies.

"Vivekananda, who is mentioned in our conversation, is the BEO of Mysuru taluk, but Mr. Kumaraswamy came up with the name of an officer by name Vivekananda in some transfer list. It seems that the political reality of not regaining power in his lifetime has taken away the sleep of former Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy, and disturbed his mental well-being," the Chief Minister tweeted on X. He described HDK's problem as 'Histrionic Personality Disorder'.

In Mysuru, Mr. Yathindra said that Mr. Kumaraswamy was indulging in 'low-level politics'.

"I am an ex-MLA of Varuna, and have been vested with the responsibility of overseeing the development work by my father who was elected from this constituency and is the Chief Minister," said Mr. Yathindra, reiterating that the conversation pertained to one such work.

Disproportionate assets: HC refuses to quash case against Zameer Ahmed Khan

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

In a setback to Housing and Minorities Welfare Minister B.Z. Zameer Ahmed Khan, the High Court of Karnataka on Saturday refused to quash a corruption case registered by the Lokayukta police against him for allegedly possessing disproportionate assets worth ₹87.44 crore, which is 2,031% excess of his income from all known sources.

Justice M. Nagaprasanna passed the order while dismissing the petition filed by Mr. Khan, who had questioned the registration of the case against him by the erstwhile Anti Corruption Bureau (ACB) on May 5, 2022, and later transferred to the Lokayukta police following winding up of ACB.

Suspension for 30 days

However, the High Court suspended operation of Saturday's order for 30 days as the matter is pending before the apex court, which had earlier stayed the High Court's April 6 interim order of rejecting Mr. Khan's plea for staying the investigation till his petition is adjudicated.

Mr. Khan's plea against High Court's interim order is still pending for final adjudication before the apex court. The High Court adjudicated his plea after his counsel gave consent for adjudication as the apex court's order was limited only to the interim order of April 2023. Rejecting the contention of Mr. Khan that registration of FIR about disproportionate assets was illegal, the High Court not only upheld the process adopted by the ACB/Lokayukta police in registering the case but also held that at least an investigation is essential as the quantum of disproportionate assets is 2,031% of his declared assets.

ED letter

The case was registered after the Enforcement Directorate (ED) on February 28, 2022, wrote to the ACB under Section 66(2) of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act that Mr. Khan was suspected to be in possession of huge disproportionate assets.

The letter was based on the documents that ED had seized after raiding premises belonging to him and assessment of his income tax returns based on the criminal case registered against him in I-Monetary Advisory (IMA) scam as he had allegedly received ₹58.38 crore from IMA Group's head Mohammed Mansoor Khan.

The High Court said that ACB had independently conducted a preliminary inquiry based information given by the ED and secured a source report before registering the case, and all these actions are backed by the law.

Though the High Court rejected the Minister's petition, the Lokayukta police cannot continue the investigation till it gets clearance from the apex court.

Ashok's choice brings focus back on North-South divide

Rishikesh Bahadur Desai
Girish Pattanashetti
HUBBALLI/ BELAGAVI

R. Ashok, who has been appointed Leader of the Opposition in the Assembly ,and BJP State president B.Y. Vijayendra arriving at the party office in Bengaluru on Saturday. K. MURALI KUMAR

The appointment of a BJP leader from South Karnataka as the Leader of the Opposition in the Legislative Assembly has raised dust and ruffled feathers in the party, days after party president was also picked from a Southern district.

These developments come ahead of the legislature session in Belagavi. The session is annually conducted in the border district in a bid to highlight issues of North Karnataka which tend to get a short shrift.

The most vociferous voices against this "injustice" have been Basanagouda Patil Yatnal and Ramesh Jarkiholi. Mr. Yatnal, former Union Minister, had openly put forward the demand for choosing a leader from North Karnataka as Leader of the Opposition, as the party presidentship had been given to a leader from the south-interior region. His demand, however, was not considered by the party high command as the election of leader of legislative party as it finally boiled down to working out a "Lingayat-Vokkaliga" combination. As a Lingayat leader was made party president (B.Y. Vijayendra), it had "become inevitable" for the party to choose a Vokkaliga as Leader of the Opposition (R. Ashok), an MLA from North Karnataka said.

"The issue was raised for sure, but it did not come up for discussion much," he said. "As North Karnataka had elected more BJP MLAs after Coastal Karnataka, naturally the Leader of the Opposition should have been chosen from the region. Although many felt it, they did not dare open their mouth before the Central leaders."

Former Mayor of Hubballi-Dharwad and close aide of Union Minister Pralhad Joshi, Iresh Anchatageri, said they were expecting either Arvind Bellad or Mr. Yatnal to be chosen as Leader of the Opposition. "However the party high command decided otherwise, which we will abide by," he said.

Six so far

So far, six leaders from northern Karnataka have served as Leaders of the Opposition in the two Houses. Mallikarjun Kharge, Dharam Singh, and Jagadish Shettar have served as Leaders of the Opposition in the Assembly, while H.K. Patil and S.R. Patil held the position in the Council. Former Chief Minister S.R. Bommai served as Leader of the Opposition in both Assembly and Council. R.V. Deshpande, who served as Leader of the Opposition in Assembly, and Ramakrishna Hegde, who held the position in Council, hailed from Uttara Kannada which was once part of Bombay Presidency.

At present, barring Basavaraj Horatti, chairman of the Legislative Council, leaders from southern Karnataka and coastal Karnataka occupy most of the important positions in government.

"For decades, the people of northern regions have been watching the leaders from the south remaining oblivious to our problems. I will not fault them for feeling that their woes would have been heard better if the decision making was in the hands of their own leaders. As a matter of principle, vital positions should be distributed equally between north and south," said M.P. Nadagouda, former MLC.

Not just symbolic

However, he cautioned against the demand being met symbolically. Dr. Nadagouda said: "I also feel that it is better to have a large-hearted leader with empathy from southern Karnataka rather than having symbolic representation in a weak leader."

'Govt. will support women entrepreneurs'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Large and Medium Industries Minister M.B. Patil said on Saturday that the State government is committed to creating a more inclusive and supportive environment for women entrepreneurs.

Speaking at the event 'Together we grow' to mark International Women Entrepreneur's Day, he stated that the Karnataka Industrial Policy (2020-25) offers extensive support to women entrepreneurs.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to bring to the notice of the general public that our client is proposing a transaction by creating right and interest in the Schedule Property as mentioned hereunder, with its owner Mr. CHETAN VENUGOPAL (alias V. CHETAN), S/o. Mr. P . Venugopal, Aged about 56 years residing at No.451, 6th Cross, 7th Block (West), Jayanagar, Bangalore – 560 082;

Any person/s objecting for the proposed transaction or are having any right, title, interest or any type of claim over the Schedule Property are hereby called upon to file their objections/claims whatsoever along with documentary proof within 15 days from the date of this notice with the undersigned failing which, our client will proceed to create charge on the Schedule Property and to deal with the same subsequently. Any objection/s received after 15 days will not be binding on our client.

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All that piece and parcel of the Immovable Property bearing Survey No. 136/2 measuring 02 Acres (Forming Part of Sy.No.136 Measuring 04 Acres 20 Guntas) situated at Gunjuru Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore Urban District, duly Converted from Agricultural to Non-Agricultural Residential Purpose vide a Conversion Order Bearing No. ALN (EVH). Sr 305/2012-13 Dated 15/03/2013, Presently bearing Municipal Number at Sl. No. 781, Sy.No. 136/2, Municipal No.171, BBMP Ward No.149 and is bounded as follows; East : Property bearing Sy.No. 195; West : Road and Property bearing Sy.No. 135; North : Property bearing Sy. No. 136/4; and South : Portion of Sy.No. 136/2;

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Government of Odisha
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER, KEONJHAR (R&B) CIRCLE, KEONJHAR
No.6193 / Date : 13.11.2023
ORDER

The tender for the work **1) "Construction of 6 nos. D-Type flat quarter at CHC, Patna in the district of Keonjhar " & 2) "Construction of 12 nos. of E-Type flat quarter (Block-A Plus Block-B) at CHC, Patna in the district of Keonjhar "** invited vide Bid Identification No. C.C.E.K.C. Keonjhar No. 39/2023-24 is hereby cancelled due to Administrative Reason.

Chief Construction Engineer, Keonjhar (R&B) Circle, Keonjhar.
B-1289 : OIPR-34033/11/0058/2324

Government of Karnataka
PUBLIC WORKS, PORTS & INLAND WATER TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT
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BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through e-Procurement portal only)
(**Two Cover System** : Section-1-Technical Bid and Section-2- Financial Bid)
Tender Notification No. 06/2023-24 Dated : 16.11.2023 (Call-2)

Item rate tenders are invited through e-procurement portal only on behalf of Governor of Karnataka from Eligible registered civil Contractor in KPWD in Standard Bid document **KW-3,** form Total no of works is 1**, H/A :- 8443 DC Work** maximum estimated cost Rs. 88.00 lakhs, Further Changes in this Notification will be Published in E-Procurement Only. Date of events as follows:

1	Date and Time for downloading the tender document from the e-procurement portal	From 16.11.2023 to 24.11.2023 upto 16.00 Hrs
2	Date & Time for opening of Technical bid	27.11.2023 after 16.30 Hrs.
3	Date & Time for opening of Financial bid	29.11.2023 after 16.00 Hrs.

More Information can be had from the Web site : **www.Kppp.karnataka.gov.in** & Any other details required can be obtained from office of the under signed during office hours.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
PWD Division, Chamarajanagar
DIPR : CHANAGAR:230:2023-24

Karnataka Government Secretariat
Finance Department
Vidhana Soudha, Bengaluru.

No. FD 02 BMB 2023 **Date: 18.11.2023**

PRESS COMMUNIQUE

It is notified for general information that the outstanding balance of **9.5% Karnataka SDL 2023** issued in terms of the Government of **Karnataka**, Finance Department Notification No. **FD 02 BMB 2013 dated December 13, 2013** will be repaid at par on **December 18, 2023** with interest due up to and including **December 17, 2023.** In the event of a holiday being declared on the aforesaid date by any State Government under the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881, the loan will be repaid by the paying offices in that State on the previous working day. **No interest will accrue on the loan from and after December 18, 2023.**

2. As per sub-regulation 24 (2) and 24 (3) of Government Securities Regulations, 2007 payment of maturity proceeds to the registered holder of Government Security held in the form of Subsidiary General Ledger or Constituent Subsidiary General Ledger account or Stock Certificate shall be made by a pay order incorporating the relevant particulars of his bank account or by credit to the account of the holder in any bank having facility of receipt of funds through electronic means. For the purpose of making payment in respect of the securities, the original subscriber or the subsequent holders of such a Government Securities, as the case may be, shall submit to the Bank or Treasury and Sub- Treasury or branch of State Bank of India, where they are enfaced / registered for payment of interest, as the case may be, the relevant particulars of their bank account.

3. However, in the absence of relevant particulars of bank account / mandate for receipt of funds through electronic means, to facilitate repayment on the due date, holders of **9.5% Karnataka SDL 2023** should tender their securities at the Public Debt Office, 20 days in advance. The securities should be tendered for repayment, duly discharged on the reverse there of as under:

"Received the Principal due on the Certificate"

4. It should be particularly noted that at places where the treasury work is done by a branch of the State Bank of India, the securities, if they are in the form of Stock Certificates, should be tendered at the branch of the bank concerned and not at the Treasury or Sub-Treasury.

5. Holders who wish to receive payment at places other than those where the securities have been enfaced for payment should send them duly discharged to the Public Debt Office concerned by Registered and Insured Post. The Public Debt Office will make payment by issuing a draft payable at any Treasury / Sub-Treasury or branch of State Bank of India conducting Government Treasury work in the State of **Karnataka.**

Sd/- (Dr. Reju M. T.)
Secretary to Government (Expenditure), Finance Department
DIPR/CP/RO2178/AAPL/2023-24

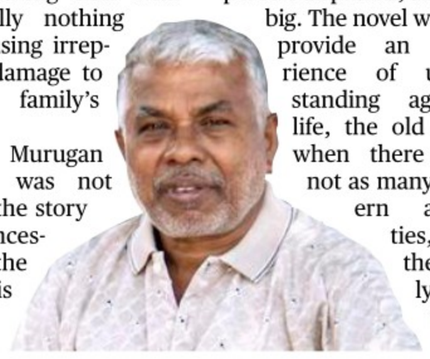
Perumal Murugan's *Fire Bird* wins JCB Prize for Literature

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

Tamil writer Perumal Murugan has won the coveted JCB Prize for Literature for his novel, *Fire Bird*, an English translation of his Tamil novel *Aalandapatchi*. The award carries a ₹25 lakh cash prize. The book was translated by Janani Kannan and published by Penguin.

"*Aalandapatchi* is about the forced migration of an agrarian family that happened six decades ago. The tragedy of being alienated from one's native place, land and family, new town, new landscapes, new people, new environment. They have to accept it and make it constant. I wrote the novel driven by a desire to write about the capability of a family to handle both challenges," Mr. Murugan said.

Muthu, the hero of the novel, has his world turned upside down when his father divides the family land, leaving him with practically nothing and causing irreparable damage to his family's bonds.



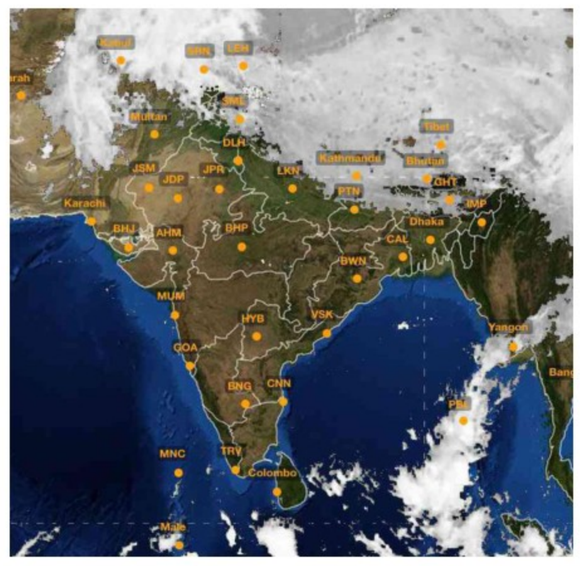
Mr. Murugan said it was not merely the story of his ancestors or the life of his family. "I believe the novel will emotionally connect with every person displaced, small or big. The novel will also provide an experience of understanding agrarian life, the old times when there were not as many modern amenities, and the family relationships that characterise feudal life," he added.

The JCB Literary Prize said *Fire Bird* is a masterfully crafted tale of one man's search for the elusive concept of permanence. "The prize aims to celebrate Indian writing, and to help readers across the world discover the very best of contemporary Indian literature. It makes significant awards also to translators, without whose work no reader can appreciate the scale and diversity of a literature written in over 20 languages," it said.

Mr. Murugan said, "I am grateful to everyone including my ancestors who were the reason behind my writing this novel, my family which helped me in writing this, Kalachuvadu Kannan who published it in Tamil, Penguin which published it in English, translator Janani Kannan, the jury of the JCB Prize and JCB institute."

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.00 HRS)

Forecast for Sunday: Heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Tamil Nadu and Kerala. Thunderstorm accompanied with lightning/ gusty winds likely at isolated places over Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Karaikal, Kerala and Mahe. Dense fog likely in isolated pockets over Assam, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram and Tripura

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	0.1	26.3	18.6	Kozhikode	—	34.7	27.4
Ahmedabad	—	31.8	18.9	Kurnool	—	34.9	23.2
Aizawl	113	25.0	17.0	Lucknow	—	29.1	16.1
Allahabad	—	32.5	16.5	Madurai	—	32.6	24.7
Bengaluru	—	30.0	20.2	Mangaluru	1	32.2	24.6
Bhopal	—	31.1	15.1	Mumbai	—	35.2	22.4
Bhubaneswar	—	31.5	21.9	Mysuru	—	31.0	21.4
Chandigarh	—	29.4	13.7	New Delhi	—	28.7	12.8
Chennai	0.2	30.9	25.2	Patna	—	32.1	18.5
Coimbatore	—	33.0	24.4	Port Blair	43	28.0	24.0
Dehradun	—	28.6	10.6	Puducherry	1	31.6	25.0
Gangtok	—	18.2	11.0	Pune	—	31.1	15.9
Goa	—	34.0	24.4	Raipur	—	31.8	18.7
Guwahati	—	28.8	18.4	Ranchi	—	26.6	18.0
Hubballi	—	32.0	22.0	Shillong	18	19.6	11.4
Hyderabad	—	31.5	20.5	Shimla	—	21.8	10.6
Imphal	52	22.3	16.3	Srinagar	—	12.6	—
Jaipur	—	27.2	13.5	Thiruvananthapuram	—	33.7	26.0
Kochi	41	30.6	24.2	Tiruchi	—	31.7	25.0
Kohima	47	19.0	10.4	Vijayawada	—	32.6	23.8
Kolkata	—	29.6	20.6	Visakhapatnam	—	32.5	23.8

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	.29	.44	.40	160	115	
Bengaluru	7	.26	.19	122	88	
Chennai	.14	.67	.45	63	58	
Delhi	.13	.93	.66	369	316	
Hyderabad	7	.74	.41	147	141	
Kolkata	.6	.36	.20	32	37	
Lucknow	.9	.47	.82	201	141	
Mumbai	.20	.88	.36	222	195	
Pune	127	202	111	238	138	
Visakhapatnam	.11	.25	.32	58	74	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Hanumangarh, Rajasthan recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 427 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Sivasagar, Assam recorded a healthy AQI score of 17

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

Will scrap 4% Muslim quota, share it among OBCs: Shah

The Home Minister says time has come to give voluntary retirement to BRS government; promises to put back the money earned by the KCR government through corruption into Telangana coffers

The Hindu Bureau
HYDERABAD

Union Home Minister and senior leader of the Bharatiya Janata Party Amit Shah on Saturday said if voted to power in Telangana, his party would scrap the unconstitutional religion-based reservation of 4% given to Muslims and share it among other OBCs.

Addressing election rallies organised in the name of 'Sakala Janula Vijaya Sakalpa Sabha' in Gadwal, Nalgonda and Warangal, Mr. Shah said, if people vote for the BJP, the government would order an inquiry into all the scams of the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) government.

"We will make them cough up the money made through corruption in the execution of projects and implementation of programmes and put it back into the State coffers," Mr. Shah said.

Poll promises: Union Home Minister Amit Shah addressing a gathering in Hyderabad on Saturday. G. RAMAKRISHNA

Alleging that the BRS government had engaged in large-scale corruption, he said it was time to give voluntary retirement from service (VRS) to the BRS and send the BRS car to the Modi government's welfare garage.

He alleged that the KCR government had engaged in ₹40,000-crore scam in the Kaleshwaram project, ₹22,000-crore scam in Mission Kakatiya, ₹7,300-crore scam in outer ring road lease, ₹4,000-crore scam in Miyapur land deals and the liquor scam.

Mr. Shah said K. Chandrashekhar Rao had promised to make a Dalit the Chief Minister, but instead he became the CM.

Terming the BRS, the MIM and the Congress as 2G, 3G and 4G parties, he noted that the BRS was being managed by two generations of one family, the MIM by three generations and the Congress by four generations, without giving any opportunity to others.

Mr. Shah also promised to send Telangana people for a visit to the Ram temple in Ayodhya for free in phases, if BJP was voted to power.

BJP's manifesto promises many sops

The Hindu Bureau
HYDERABAD

After the Congress guarantees and the BRS Bharosa, the BJP has released its manifesto for Telangana Assembly elections in the name of 'Sakala Janula Saubhagya Telangana - PM Modi's Guarantee' with about 25 issues mainly divided into 10 broad features. Union Home Minister Amit Shah released the 48-page document here on Saturday.

Perhaps moving away from its policy of freebies, the BJP manifesto talks about several pro-farmers measures free of cost, including the implementation of the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana, the crop insurance scheme, input assistance of ₹2,500 per acre to small and marginal farmers, in addition to the PM-Kisan given at ₹6,000 per farmer every year and ₹18,000 per acre fertilizer subsidy.

Mr. Shah announced that the BJP government would provide ₹3,100 per quintal MSP to paddy and also procure parboiled rice, supply of indigenous breed of cows to farmers free of cost and market intervention fund for turmeric, development of turmeric city in Nizamabad district in addition to setting up the Turmeric Board.

For women, the party has promised to offer four domestic LPG cylinders a year free of cost, fixed deposit in the name of newborn baby girls so that they could get ₹2 lakh after attaining 21 years of age, supply of laptops to girls students in degree and professional colleges free of cost.

Mr. Shah said leaders who quit the BJP recently to join the Congress had never raised the issue of corruption by the Telangana government before him as being claimed by them.

Sri Lankan Navy arrests 22 fishermen on charge of poaching; seizes two boats

L. Srikrishna
RAMESWARAM

The Sri Lankan Navy on Saturday arrested 22 fishermen of Pamban and Thangachimadam in Ramanathapuram district on the charge of poaching and impounded two country-boats.

Sources in the Fisheries Department said the Sri Lankan Navy detained them for allegedly fishing in Sri Lankan waters. It is said the fishermen were allegedly fishing at Parithithurai, which falls in Sri Lankan waters.

Allegation denied

Denying the charge, fishermen leader Rayappan, who is also the president of the country-boat fishermen association, told mediapersons that the Sri Lankan Navy had been arresting mechanised-boat fishermen. Now, even the country boats, which cannot go beyond five or 10 nautical miles, were being seized.

The fishermen associations have condemned the arrest and said it was factually incorrect to say that the country-boat fishermen had crossed the International Maritime Boundary Line.

According to reports received here, the fishermen were being taken to Jaffna Port for being handed over to the Sri Lankan Fisheries Department, the sources said.

Permanent solution

At a time, when the mechanised-boat fishermen have been pleading with the Centre to help bring back the arrested fishermen from Sri Lanka, Saturday's arrest of 22 fishermen came as a rude shock, fishermen association leader P. Jesu Raja said. "We are hoping for a permanent solution as our livelihood is affected," he added.

Bail granted

Last month, a delegation of fishermen, led by DMK MP T.R. Baalu, met Minister of State for External Affairs V. Muraleedharan in New Delhi on the instruction of Chief Minister M.K. Stalin.

It urged the Centre to secure the release of the 64 fishermen.

Sri Lankan courts granted bail to all of them; but one of them was sentenced to two years in jail on the charge of having poached last year.

Cong. slams KCR comment on Dalit CM

The Hindu Bureau
HYDERABAD

The Congress condemned the reported statement of Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao that he could not keep his promise of making a Dalit the first CM of Telangana as it was not possible for others to run the new State.

The Congress said Mr. Chandrasekhar Rao cannot insult Dalits by stating that they cannot lead Telangana. In a post on 'X', the Telangana Congress said the Chief Minister was reluctant to have a Dalit as Deputy Chief Minister. "When will the time come? In 2018, KCR assumed the CM post again, raising questions about his governance from 2014-2018... Does it mean that the State did not develop and he had to continue? In 2023, too, he prefers to be CM, yet again ignoring Dalits?"

Equal needs, equal rights

Tribals and members of the Girijan Sangham of Alluri Sitharama Raju district of Andhra Pradesh taking out a rally protesting against the lack of basic facilities such as good roads and power supply in Visakhapatnam on Saturday. V. RAJU

Audit identifies 134 accident-prone sites on roads used by Sabarimala pilgrims

Hiran Unnikrishnan
PATHANAMTHITTA

Even as vehicles carrying pilgrims to Sabarimala have slowly started occupying the roads of central Travancore, a road safety survey has brought to light serious concerns about the safety of those taking the roads to the hill temple.

The audit, conducted by the Motor Vehicles Department in association with various other departments, has identified 134 accident-prone sites along major routes used by Sabarimala pilgrims. A proposed implementation of remedial measures, however, has been delayed owing to a slower than expected release of funds by the Kerala Road Safety Authority (KRSA).

Officials recovering a car that fell into a gorge near Vadasserikara en route to Sabarimala. LEJUKAMAL

"The reports and estimates have been submitted to the government. We expect the funds to be released within the next few days," an official said.

The audit has identified 52 accident-prone sites in Pathanamthitta district.

The report has also called for installing blinker lights, sign boards, zebra crossings, crash barriers, rumble strips, chevron sign boards and reflectors.

In view of the rising number of accidents, the High Court recently ordered installation of sign boards indicating curves ahead, sharp curves, and speed limits along the roads that lead to the hill temple.

Kerala Motor Vehicles Dept. and contract carriage bus face off leads to high drama

The Hindu Bureau
PATHANAMTHITTA

After a month-long break, Pathanamthitta town in Kerala on Saturday witnessed yet another episode of a raging cat-and-mouse game between the Motor Vehicles Department (MVD) and Robin – a contract carriage bus.

The bus, which was released from the department's custody following a court order, resumed its service on the Pathanamthitta-Coimbatore route from the private bus stand in the town at 5 a.m. on the day. Just as the service took off, an enforcement team of the MVD intercepted the vehicle and slapped a fine of ₹7,500 citing violation of permit norms.

The private bus, which was released from Kerala Motor Vehicles Department's custody, got a great reception. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Baby Gireesh, the bus owner who was travelling on board, raised objections against the MVD's action, though to no avail.

A video footage of the episode, live-streamed online as well as by some news channels, went viral and triggered a torrent of reactions as it was for the third time in as many months that the service was being intercepted.

The bus, which resumed its journey with a delay of half an hour, was intercepted by MVD teams at three more locations – Edappady, near Pala, Angamaly in Ernakulam and Puthukkad in Thrissur. The officials, however, had to back out on all these occasions in the face of stiff objections raised by the onlookers and the passengers on board. Irked by the MVD's action, the irate public organised rousing receptions for the bus at various points en route.

Legal route

Mr. Gireesh said he would challenge the MVD's action in court on November 20. "Had there not been a court order in my favour, the MVD would not have even permitted to resume the service after this inspection. Now, it is up to the court to decide on the fate of my bus," he said.

The MVD officials, on the other hand, maintained that the bus violated the permit norms by operating as a stage carrier.

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T.N. re-enacts Bills denied assent by Governor Ravi

The Bills passed during the AIADMK regime and moved again on Saturday are the Tamil Nadu Fisheries University (Amendment) Bill, 2020 (L.A. Bill No.2 of 2020) and the Tamil Nadu Veterinary and Animal Sciences University (Amendment) Bill, 2020. They were moved by Anitha R. Radhakrishnan, Minister for Fisheries - Fishermen Welfare and Animal Husbandry.

Higher Education Minister K. Ponmudy moved the Tamil Nadu Universities Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2022 (L.A. Bill No. 24 of 2022) and the Tamil Nadu Universities Laws (Second Amendment) Bill, 2022 again for reconsideration. Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Minister M.R.K. Panneerselvam moved afresh the Tamil Nadu Agricultural University (Amendment) Bill, 2022 (L.A. Bill No.40 of 2022). Law Minister R. Regupathy moved the Tamil Nadu Dr. Ambedkar Law University (Amendment) Bill, 2022 (L.A. Bill No.29 of 2022) for reconsideration of the House.

The Tamil University (Second Amendment) Bill, 2022 (L.A. Bill No. 55 of 2022) was reintroduced by Tamil Development, Information and Publicity Minister M.P. Saminathan. The Tamil Nadu Fisheries University (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (L.A. Bill No.15 of 2023) and the Tamil Nadu Veterinary and Animal Sciences University (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (L.A. Bill No.18 of 2023) were introduced by Mr. Anitha Radhakrishnan. Health and Family Welfare Minister Ma. Subramanian reintroduced the Tamil Nadu Dr. M.G.R. Medical University, Chennai (Amendment) Bill, 2022 (L.A. Bill No. 39 of 2022).

Rescuers mull more options in Uttarkashi

Mr. Khulbe said that experts had met and agreed to drill into the mountain around the tunnel from all sides – above, from the sides, and from the other end of the under-construction tunnel in Barkot, simultaneously. These efforts will play out along with the initial plan to drill into the fallen rubble from the Silkyara side.

The delays in installing the crawlable pipe through which the trapped workers can escape have led to heightened tensions between families of the workers, their fellow labourers, and local authorities. "[Seven] days is not a small time," Mrityunjay Kumar, a day shift worker from Bihar at the tunnel project, complained. "There has been no end to this, just one new solution after the other. How many days will they [the workers] keep eating dry food?"

OpenAI, the developer of ChatGPT, sacks CEO

Agence France-Presse
WASHINGTON

OpenAI, the company that launched ChatGPT a year ago, said that it had dismissed CEO Sam Altman in a shock firing of a central figure in the AI revolution.

Mr. Altman became a tech world sensation with the release of ChatGPT, an artificial intelligence (AI) chatbot. His dismissal caught the tech world by surprise, with rumours rife on social media as to the cause of the sudden sacking. A statement about the firing by OpenAI said that new leadership is needed for the company to move forward. Fellow OpenAI co-founder Greg Brockman was pushed from the company's board in the shake-up, and resigned later in the day.

Shrinking ecosystem keeps shorebirds away

Abdul Latheef Naha
MALAPPURAM

Kadalundi, a village on the southwest coast in Kozhikode district of Kerala, had about 8 hectares of nutrient-rich inter-tidal mudflats in the early 2000s. Today, the expanse of mudflats in the estuary of the Kadalundi river has reduced to just about 1 hectare. This too is gradually being covered with sand, depriving prey to thousands of shorebirds that migrate from colder climes in winter to the village.

Researchers point out that if the mudflats are not protected and restored, Kadalundi will vanish from the global map as a prominent destination of migrant shorebirds that arrive from places such as Siberia, Ladakh, Mongolia, and Scotland, in a few years.

"We have tried to convince the government of the importance of protecting the mudflat ecosystem from other invasive elements such as sandbanks and mangroves. But the response has been passive," said T.R. Athira, C.T. Shifa, and K. Jishnu, who have been studying the ecological changes taking place in the village.

However, efforts are on to popularise ecotourism in the Kadalundi-Vallikunnu Community Reserve (KVCR) by widening the expanse of mangroves. The 154-hectare KVCR had less than 50 hectares of mangroves until a few years ago, but these trees that thrive in salt water have proliferated so fast that they currently occupy more than 60 hectares.

The sedimentation of sand on mudflats not only brings down the amount of prey there, but also helps mangroves easily proliferate. The viviparous mangroves of Kadalundi, according to researchers, have been displaying an aggressively invasive behaviour.

Quad, CECA on top of agenda for India-Australia 2+2 dialogue

Next Quad summit likely to be held in January; date may be announced at 2+2 dialogue on Monday; if India, Australia conclude CECA negotiations, it will likely be signed when Australian PM Anthony Albanese arrives for Quad Summit

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NEW DELHI

India and Australia are set to hold the second 2+2 Ministerial dialogue on Monday where the upcoming Quad summit is expected to figure prominently while the sides will also take stock of the ongoing negotiations for a Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement (CECA). The dialogue comes shortly after the India-U.S. 2+2 dialogue last week and will be an opportunity to discuss regional developments including the crisis in West Asia.

While Australian Deputy Prime Minister and Defence Minister Richard Marles will travel to Delhi from Ahmedabad where he will watch Sunday's cricket World Cup final, Foreign Minister Penny Wong will travel to Delhi to hold a number of meetings and attend cultural events.

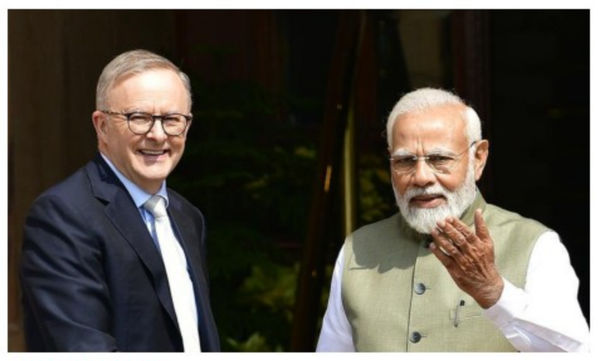
Apart from the 2+2 Dialogue on Monday, Ms. Wong and External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar will hold the 14th Foreign Ministerial Framework Dialogue (FMFD) on Tuesday "to take stock of cooperation under the Comprehensive Strategic Partnership and exchange views on regional and global issues of mutual interest".

All eyes will be on whether there will be an announcement on the date for the next Quad Summit to be held in India in 2024. While Australian and Japanese governments have informally conveyed to the External Affairs Ministry that they would be able to attend the Quad Summit on January 27, New Delhi has been waiting for a confirmation from U.S. President Joseph Biden's office, as he had been invited as chief guest to the January 26 Republic Day Parade.

In addition, Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese's visit would be an opportunity to sign the India Australian Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement (CECA).

In an interview to *The Hindu* last month, Australian High Commissioner Philip Green said that both sides are looking to conclude negotiations for the Free Trade Agreement (FTA). "I'm not going to make a prediction about when, but obviously it would be my preference [to have CECA ready before PM Albanese visit]," Mr. Green said, without committing to the date.

During the 2+2 Dialogue, previously held in 2021, the Ministers would cover "bilateral, regional and global matters of mutual interest", the Ministry said in a statement indicating there would be further discussions on the Israel-Hamas war.



Mutual interests: Anthony Albanese with Narendra Modi at the Hyderabad House, in New Delhi in March this year. R.V. MOORTHY

Mr. Modi had "strongly condemned" civilian deaths in remarks at the Voice of Global South Summit on Friday.

Bilateral cooperation

While officials refused to comment further on the case, Mr. Jaishankar is also likely to take up an Australian court's order telling a former High Commissioner to pay his domestic staff more than a hundred thousand dollars. India had rejected the order with the Ministry invoking the Vienna Convention that protects diplomats from such local rulings.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and Mr. Marles will also hold a bilateral after the 2+2 dialogue. India and Australia are pursuing a Comprehensive Strategic Partnership and the visit of Minister Marles is expected to give further impetus to the collaboration as well as bilateral defence cooperation, the Defence Ministry said in a statement.

"Our cooperation with India is at the heart of Australia's approach to ensuring the Indo-Pacific remains open, inclusive and resilient," Mr. Marles said ahead of the visit. There have been several firsts this year in bilateral defence cooperation. The maiden visit of an Indian Navy submarine to Australia, Canberra hosting Malabar naval exercise, and Indian Navy Dornier and Air Force C-130 visiting Cocos Keeling island as reported by *The Hindu* earlier.

"The Australia-India relationship has never been more consequential. We are working together through our Comprehensive Strategic Partnership, as Quad partners and beyond to promote a peaceful, stable and prosperous Indo-Pacific region," the Australian Defence Ministry said in a statement on Saturday. The 2+2 Ministerial Dialogue is a cornerstone of our relationship and an opportunity to progress our work together to shape the type of region we want, it stated. Ministers will advance cooperation on our shared regional interests, including in defence, security, renewable energy and technology, the statement added.

The Quad grouping, comprising of India, Australia, Japan and U.S., has announced several initiatives for the region top among them the Indo-Pacific Maritime Domain Awareness (IPMDA) initiative for the benefit of the entire region. Sources said the implementation of the IPMDA will come up for review at the highest level during the Quad Summit.

Uttar Pradesh bans halal branding on food items

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Uttar Pradesh government has banned labelling halal on eatables such as dairy products, sugar, bakery items, peppermint oil, savouries and edible oil.

The office of the State Food Commissioner said in an order issued in Lucknow on Saturday that such labelling is against a law passed in 2006 on ensuring quality of edible products.

Commissioner Anita Singh, in the order, said that halal labelling creates confusion among the consumers and so it is against the principles of the State government law on quality of edible products.

The order also maintained that creating confusion among consumers is a punishable offence under the law.

Citing the relevant sections of the law, the senior official banned production, stocking and distribution of all halal-branded edible items in the State.

Haryana to move SC against HC verdict quashing local quota in private jobs

The Hindu Bureau
CHANDIGARH

After the Punjab and Haryana High Court quashed the Haryana government's law guaranteeing 75% reservation in private sector jobs for residents of the State, the Opposition parties have upped their ante against the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)-Jannayak Janata Party (JJP) ruling coalition. The Opposition has blamed the government for not pursuing the case strongly in the court. Meanwhile, the government is planning to move the Supreme Court against the High Court verdict.

On Saturday, Deputy Chief Minister Dushyant Chautala said that the State government will soon approach the Supreme Court against the decision of the Punjab and Haryana High Court on the employment law. "We are examining the decision of the High Court, only after which the government will go to the Supreme Court," he said in a statement.

Local quota: The Act made it mandatory to reserve 75% of private sector jobs in Haryana for residents of the State. GETTY IMAGES

"The employment law is very important for providing employment to the youth of Haryana and promoting industries. The government had made the law only with the consent and consultation of the industrialists," he added.

The domicile quota in private sector employment was an electoral promise made by the JJP in the 2019 Assembly election. The High Court's decision, coming ahead of next year's Parliamentary and State elections, is seen as a major setback to the BJP-JJP coalition government in the State.

Taking a dig at the BJP-JJP government, the Congress's Rajya Sabha member Deepender Hooda accused the government of not strongly advocating in favour of the law in the court.

"The BJP-JJP government never had any intention of giving 75% reservation to the youth of Haryana in the private sector. It was all just a sham. The BJP-JJP turned out to be the government that gave the highest unemployment rate to Haryana's youth in the country," he said.

Congress secretary Vineet Punia also questioned the sincerity of the BJP-JJP in Haryana in ensuring reservation of jobs for the local youth in the private sector.

Echoing the sentiment, Indian National Lok Dal leader and MLA Abhay Singh told presspersons that the JJP had betrayed the State's youth. He added that the party should apologise to Haryana's public.

The Haryana State Employment of Local Candidates Act, 2020, which came into force on January 15 last year, made it mandatory for employers in the State to reserve 75% of jobs paying less than ₹30,000 a month for domiciled residents.

Finding sustainable fuel sources a top priority, says Murmu

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Droupadi Murmu

Finding non-fossil sustainable resources which could replace traditional fuels should be a priority objective because "we are approaching a climate tipping point", President Droupadi Murmu said on Saturday, while addressing a conference organised by the Aeronautical Society of India (AeSI) to commemorate its 75th anniversary. The President added that to reduce the carbon footprint, "we need to rapidly adopt new propulsion technologies at a large scale" including electric, hydrogen and hybrid.

"The development of sustainable jet fuels is one of the much-needed steps to decarbonise the economy but it is hardest to achieve because traditional fuels are of very high density," the President said. "Decarbonisation of aero-propulsion is an onerous task we will have to undertake because climate change is threatening the very existence of humans," she said.

"Aviation is a remarkable feat of human ingenuity that brings the imaginative power to reality with seamless fusion of technology," Ms. Murmu noted. "Aerospace and aviation are almost superhuman activities that afford us the vast global connection of the planet we inhabit and exploration of space and beyond," she said.

Highest standards

In this regard, the President said, "Whether it is the feat of successful completion of the Mars mission or showcasing the end-to-end capability in safe landing and roving near the Moon's South Pole – a place considered beyond human endeavour – India has proved that it has the willpower, potential, and capacity to accomplish what it sets out to achieve." She added that the highest standards of quality, cost-effectiveness and punctuality have been the hallmarks of all of India's projects.

G. Satheesh Reddy, former Secretary, Department of Defence R&D and, former Chairman, Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), and presently the President of AeSI, spoke of the AeSI's role in synergising the efforts of all R&D organisations, academia, and industry towards realisation of advanced capabilities for making the country self-reliant. The two-day conference plans to deliberate on the vision for aerospace and aviation in 2047, and lay the road map for realisation of this vision, he said.

"Air Travel in India is no longer a luxury of the elite," said Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh, Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology, and MoS in the Prime Minister's Office. "This has been possible not only due to affordable air fare, but also the number of airports has more than doubled in the last over 9 years from 75 in 2014 to over 150 today," he said while addressing the event.

Dr. Singh said that India's totally indigenous maiden manned mission Gaganyaan will be launched in 2025.

PM Modi reacts to Mick Jagger's social media note

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday said that he is delighted that legendary rockstar Mick Jagger enjoyed his stay in India and shared the title of one of his famous songs in a post on X.

In his post mixed with Hindi on X, Mr. Jagger shared a video of him singing and expressed his happiness with his stay in the country. "Thanks India. Got away from it all here! Away from routine work, I am very happy at coming to India," he had said.

Social media platforms to be summoned over deepfake issue

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

Amid serious concerns over deepfake videos, the government is all set to meet social media platforms on the issue, with Union IT Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw on Saturday asserting that safe harbour immunity clause will not apply if platforms do not take adequate steps to remove deepfakes.

Mr. Vaishnaw told presspersons that the government had recently issued notices to companies on the deepfake issue, and while the platforms have responded, companies will have to be "more aggressive" in taking action on such content.

"They are taking steps-...but we think that many more steps will have to be taken. And we are very soon going to have a meeting of all the platforms. Maybe in the next three or four days, we will call them for brainstorming on that and make sure that platforms make adequate efforts for preventing it (deepfakes), and for cleaning up their platforms," Mr. Vaishnaw said on the sidelines of a conference.

Asked if big platforms such as Meta and Google would be called for the meeting, the Minister replied in the affirmative.

Mr. Vaishnaw also made it clear that the 'safe harbour immunity' which platforms currently enjoy under the Information Technology Act will not be applicable unless they move swiftly to take firm action.

Safe harbour clause

Internet platforms and social media platforms like Google, Facebook, X and others fall within the ambit of an intermediary.

The safe harbour clause – under India's Information Technology framework – protects intermediaries from legal action on them for content posted online by their users.

M.P. records highest ever voter turnout

A voter turnout of 76.22% was recorded in the Assembly election in Madhya Pradesh, the highest in the State's history, officials said on Saturday. The State went to the polls on Friday.

It surpassed the 75.63% of the 2018 Assembly election by 0.59 percentage points. Seoni district in east Madhya Pradesh recorded the highest turnout of 85.68%, while the tribal-dominated Alirajpur in the western region saw the lowest of 60.1%, the officials said. The second highest turnout of 85.23% was recorded in the Naxalite violence-hit Balaghat district in the western region sharing a boundary with Chhattisgarh and Maharashtra. Figures reveal that the turnout over the past few elections has been on the rise in the State — 67.25% in 2003, 69.78% in 2008 and 72.13% in 2013. PTI

Voters standing in a queue to cast their votes at a polling booth in Jabalpur on Friday. ANI

Cash, other items worth ₹340 cr. seized

A sum of ₹40.18 crore in cash, narcotic drugs valued at more than ₹17 crore, and liquor, jewellery and other items cumulatively worth more than ₹280 crore were seized in Madhya Pradesh since the Model Code of Conduct for the Assembly election came into force on October 9, an official said.

Talking to presspersons on Friday, State Chief Electoral Officer Anupam Rajan said continuous action was taken by the enforcement agencies across the State since the code came into force after the poll schedule was declared.

"Illicit liquor, narcotic drugs, cash, precious metals, gold, silver, jewellery and other materials worth about ₹339.95 crore have been seized by the joint team of the Flying Surveillance Team (FST), Static Surveillance Team (SST) and police," he said. PTI

> The BJP has neither the intentions, nor policies. Cong. has given concrete programmes for public welfare in the form of guarantees in Rajasthan
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> **MALLIKARJUN KHARGE**
> Congress president

'Pilot doesn't have CM face advantage'

Ajit Singh Mehta, BJP candidate for Tonk, on Saturday sought to pitch his Assembly poll contest with Congress leader Sachin Pilot as a "local-versus-outsider" battle. He cited CM Ashok Gehlot's "post is not leaving him" remark to claim that Mr. Pilot doesn't have the "CM face advantage" he had in 2018. PTI

> We have decided that if our govt. comes, no son or daughter will become CM but a backward class leader from a poor house would become the CM
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> **AMIT SHAH**
> Union Home Minister

Political jabs: Prime Minister Narendra Modi being felicitated during a Vijay Sankalp Sabha in Bharatpur, Rajasthan on Saturday. ANI

Cong. leaders are pretending to be united, says Modi

The Hindu Bureau
JAIPUR

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday lashed out at the Congress government in Rajasthan, alleging that while the State had set new records in crimes, riots, and corruption under the party's rule, the "pretension of unity" among its leaders was only meant for public consumption. "Despite a hundred handshakes, there has been no reconciliation," Mr. Modi said.

Mr. Modi was addressing public meetings in the presence of BJP candidates in Bharatpur and Nagaur ahead of the November 25 Assembly election. In a tacit reference to Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot and his former deputy Sachin Pilot, Mr. Modi said the two were "half-heartedly posing for photo-ops together" just for elections.

"There is bitterness in their hearts. The Chief Minister was busy saving his chair for the past five years... They have left the people of Rajasthan to fend for themselves," Mr. Modi said. He said that though there was a deep division within the Congress, its leaders pretended to be on friendly terms when their senior leaders came from Delhi.

The Prime Minister said the State government had let loose anti-social elements with its policy of appeasement, creating a situation where the people were unable to celebrate their festivals, including Holi, Ram Navami and Hanuman Jayanti, peacefully. "People's lives are at stake amid the recurrent riots, curfew and stone throwing," Mr. Modi said.

Targets Gehlot

Taking a swipe at Mr. Gehlot, Mr. Modi said the people had decided not to vote for the "*jadugar*" (magician) in the upcoming election, in which the Congress would be wiped out. He accused the Chief Minister of shattering women's faith in the government, and asked if Mr. Gehlot had the right to remain in the chair "even for a minute" after his purported remarks that women were making false complaints of rape to the police.

Mr. Modi said the Congress was "anti-Dalit by nature", alleging that the party had boycotted a meeting recently for the appointment of Chief Information Commissioner Heeralal Samariya, a Scheduled Caste person belonging to Rajasthan's Deeg district. He also held the Congress government responsible for inflation, and the high prices of petrol and diesel in the State.

Promising that the BJP would review the fuel prices if elected to power, Mr. Modi said the Congress government, charging ₹109 a litre for petrol – higher than in other States – was taking money away from the public and putting it in the coffers of the ruling party's leaders.

He said the "red diary" would continue to trouble the Congress as it contained details of illegal transactions as well as secrets of how the "magician government" had handed over the State to the mining mafia. Four pages purported to be from the diary were recently circulated on social media platforms.

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No ticket, only sops: women still fall behind in the electoral sweepstakes

With turnout of women continuing to be impressive in the elections, parties are raining poll sops on them; however, they remain stingy in handing ticket to women and take cover under the 'winnability' factor; in the current polls, most parties have given just 10% to 15% of seats to them

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NEW DELHI

Cash assistance, subsidised LPG cylinders, free education from kindergarten to post-graduate programmes, and free rides on urban public transport – it is election season in five States and political parties are bending over backwards to win over women voters with a slew of promises. Coupled with the passage of the women's reservation Bill in the Special Session of Parliament in September, it would seem that women have arrived electorally in the country.

That is not the whole story, however, as a closer look at poll statistics reveals. While most parties recognise the emergence of women as a voting bloc who can swing elections and offer them polls sops, a similar commitment seems to be lacking when it comes to giving ticket to women candidates.

Analysts feel that the reason for the increasing poll promises for women is the increasing voter turnout of women over the years. The States where elections are being held provide an example. In Rajasthan, the voting percentage of women has grown from 41% in 1962 to 74% in 2018; in Madhya Pradesh, it has grown even more sharply, from 29% to 78%. While in united Andhra Pradesh, 59% of women came out to vote in 1962, in Telangana in 2018, the figure was 73%. In Chhattisgarh, where the first Assembly election was held in 2003, the women's voting percentage has increased from 67% then to 76% in 2018.

"It is after the 2009 elections that the women voters have become significant. The voter turnout of women has matched that of men," says Tara Krishnaswamy, co-founder of Political Shakti, an NGO working on gender equality in politics.

Other side of the fence: Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan with women voters during an election campaign for State Assembly elections, in Mandla. ANI

First to benefit

While in some States, the gap has closed, in many other States, the voting percentage of women has actually exceeded that of men; parties now realise that by winning over women voters, they can actually swing the vote.

Ms. Krishnaswamy says the first politicians to cash in and benefit from this were Mamata Banerjee, Nitish Kumar, and Arvind Kejriwal, Chief Minister of West Bengal, Bihar and Delhi, respectively. Professor Sanjay Kumar of the Centre for Developing Societies agrees. "They are perfect examples. In Delhi, the Aam Aadmi Party did get a proportionately higher vote from women, as also is the case with the Trinamool Congress in West Bengal and the Janata Dal (U) in Bihar."

On the question of whether women can actually swing the vote, he says that unlike Dalits, women are yet to emerge as a distinct bloc for any party. What has started is a tilt towards particular parties by women voters, which can swing 2% to 3% votes in their favour, critical in a tight election.

The expected swing vote and the resultant poll sops being offered to women, however, does not translate into ticket for women candidates by most parties. In the current Assembly elections for example, most parties have given merely 10% to 15% of ticket to women candidates.

In Madhya Pradesh, the Congress has fielded only 30 women in the 230 Assembly constituencies, while the BJP has fielded 27. In Chhattisgarh, the Congress has given 18 out of 90 seats to women, while the BJP offered ticket to 15. The numbers for Rajasthan are 27 women out of 199 seats for Congress, and 19 out of 200 for the BJP. In Telangana, out of 119 Assembly seats, the Congress has chosen 12 women candidates, the BJP 15, and the Bharat Rashtra Samithi just eight.

This is a far cry from the position of near gender equality when it comes to equal participation in voting, as well as from the 33% reservation promised for women by the Union government in the new law.

The low number of ticket for women candidates seems to stem from a strong belief that their winnability is low. Data also show that so far, women themselves are not hugely inclined to vote for another woman.

Political analyst Nilanjan Mukhopadhyay says there is a need to look at the increasing women voters' participation through the prism of economic conditions rather than the empowerment debate.

"It is true that in a large number of constituencies, you have more women voters than men. This is a symptom of the terrible state of the Indian economy. Men continue to be primary breadwinners. They work in bigger cities and the family stays back home. This has particularly increased in the last five years," he says.

Dakhni suffuses campaign in Hyderabad with earthy mirth and impishness

Syed Mohammed
HYDERABAD

In the run-up to the Assembly election, leaders, cutting across political lines, pepper their speeches with Dakhni

As the election campaign heats up in Telangana, the verbal skirmishes have become sharper and the swipes harder. But when all these blows are delivered in Dakhni, it adds an element of mirth and impishness, and the crowds love it.

At a recent meeting, Bharat Rashtra Samithi working president K.T. Rama Rao sought a show of hands of those who were from Hyderabad, and proceeded to pepper his Telugu with Dakhni. "*Maloom* Hyderabad *ke logaan bhot busy rehte* [I know that the people of Hyderabad are busy]," he said. Then came the Dakhni clincher, "*Khaali peeli baithke: ino kya hai, uno kya hai, ye baigan hai, woh hai? Em osthadi?*"

Interestingly, "*baigan*" in Dakhni means dexterity, and is used in a wide range of contexts. It can be an intensifier or a replacement for an expletive, and is also used to soften the blow, but in this context, it appears to have been used to describe, in a hypothetical situation, a person who is useless.

Telangana Chief Minister K. Chandrashekhar Rao chided a member of the public for interrupting him, and called him a fool in Dakhni. "*Haula,*" he said.

In other political meetings, *hau,* meaning "yes", and *nakko,* meaning "no", were commonplace in political rhetoric. The case was the same with the Dakhni contractions of *aataou* and *jaataou,* words which mean that one is coming and going, respectively.

But, it was All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen (AIMIM) president Asaduddin Owaisi who brought out, from his verbal arsenal, a less-heard idiom. Criticising the Opposition, he quipped, "*Apni Dakhni mey ek kahaavat hai: Divaanay uthhay, sirr ku mussal laptay* [simpletons got up and wrapped a wooden pestle around their heads]."

Telangana's Congress president A. Revanth Reddy too used Dakhni to attack Mr. Owaisi. At a press conference, Mr. Reddy told the AIMIM chief not to lie. "*Aap aise jhootay baataan mat karo* [Don't lie like this]," he said, even as he used *aataou*, an expression meant to state that he would go to a particular place. Challenging him to refute his allegations with an oath at the Masjid, Mr. Reddy said, "*Jumme ki din mai aataou* [This Friday, I will come]."

Dakhni's status – a language in its own right distinct from Urdu or a dialect of Urdu? – has polarised scholars and speakers alike. Given that it has absorbed words from Telugu, Kannada and Marathi, it remains popular in many parts of South India.

But for Sajjad Shahid, a chronicler of Hyderabad from the Centre for Deccan Studies, Dakhni is a separate language. He pointed out that over the past few decades, Dakhni has been used for humour and satire. "Dakhni is popular because it is an embedded language. It was fully developed in the mid or late 1300s as can be seen from the poetry of the great Sufi Hazrat Khwaja Banda Nawaz. Therefore, to say that it is a dialect of Urdu is wrong," he said.

As losses mount, Rajasthan and M.P. farmers seek action against nilgais, stray cattle

A.M. Jigeesh
RATLAM/NEEMUCH

The election to the Madhya Pradesh Assembly is over and Rajasthan goes to the polls on November 25. Whoever comes to power, the farmers in both States have one common demand for them: help control the growing population of nilgais and stray cattle that destroy their crops. They want the new governments to learn from Bihar and Uttarakhand, where nilgais are considered vermin and the State governments manage the issue with the approval of the Union Forest Ministry.

Badrilal Nagda, a farmer from Neemuch, has a variety of crops in his field, including wheat, chickpeas and flaxseed. "They came in large groups yesterday, in the night. It is very difficult to chase them away. They eat everything and in the process, they destroy the crops. It is a major problem for us," Mr. Nagda said, pointing to a huge pile of nilgai excreta on his land and urging the government's intervention.

Farmers also have to spent a lot to secure their lands from nilgais, adding to the input cost of farming. They either employ others for security or they themselves stay at the field in the night to scare the animals away.

Farmers want the government to control the growing population of Nilgais and stray cattle that destroy their crops. FILE PHOTO

Fencing costs

"Fencing with wires costs us at least ₹50,000 to ₹60,000 for a hectare. But these animals can easily jump over the fences," said Manoj Patidar, an opium farmer from Mandsaur. Opium is a favourite crop of the nilgais and farmers must be extremely careful, as any decrease in opium yield will cost them their cultivation licences, given by the government.

Some farmers are now covering their fences with fluorescent white sheets that glitter in the night. "It doubles our cost, but these animals will not come to the fields, maybe because of the fluorescent light," said Ghanashyam, another farmer. Nerulal Jat, a farmers' leader in Chittorgarh, has planted sugar cane in more than one acre of land. "More than nilgais, stray cattle is our main problem. Earlier, trading of domestic animals was possible. Now, no one comes to buy them for various reasons," he said.

Farmers are saying that they face 30% to 40% losses in crop production every year due to nilgais and stray cattle.

"Stray cattle is the biggest issue. The governments in Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh should lift the ban on cattle trade. Else, it would be impossible to cultivate in these States," said Badal Saroj, a senior leader of the All India Kisan Sabha.

INBRIEF

Road accident claims six lives in Jharkhand's Giridih district

At least six people were killed and two children and two adults were injured after an SUV hit a roadside tree in Giridih district of Jharkhand on Saturday. The accident took place at Baghmara Lukaiya village in the Birni police station jurisdiction around 3 a.m. on Saturday. Five of the deceased were killed on the spot and the sixth victim died during treatment in the local government hospital. The injured is undergoing treatment in Sadar Hospital. The police said the victims, members of a family, had been returning from a wedding. The police pulled the bodies from the wreckage.

Aaditya Thackeray booked for 'inaugurating' Delisle Bridge

The Mumbai police registered a case against Shiv Sena (UBT) MLA Aaditya Thackeray and other party leaders on Saturday for allegedly 'inaugurating' a section of the Delisle Bridge at Lower Parel in south Mumbai without the civic body's permission. Based on the complaint lodged by a Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation official, a case under Sections 143, 149 (pertaining to unlawful assembly), 336 (rash or negligent act), and 447 (criminal trespass) of the Indian Penal Code was registered. The act was considered illegal as the bridge was incomplete, officials said.

Adani Group's DRP denies allegations of favouritism

The Adani Group-helmed Dharavi Redevelopment Project (DRP) on Saturday denied allegations of favouritism levelled by the Congress over being handed the work to redevelop the area in Mumbai. In a statement, the DRP said "vested interests" are attempting to delay the project. Congress general secretary Jairam Ramesh said the Maharashtra Urban Development Department had been compelled to issue a notification that removes the provision of indexation in Dharavi's real estate transferable development rights (TDR). The DRP statement termed the attempts to "manufacture a controversy" around TDR as "unfortunate". PTI

Arunachal youth, Assam Rifles trooper injured in firing

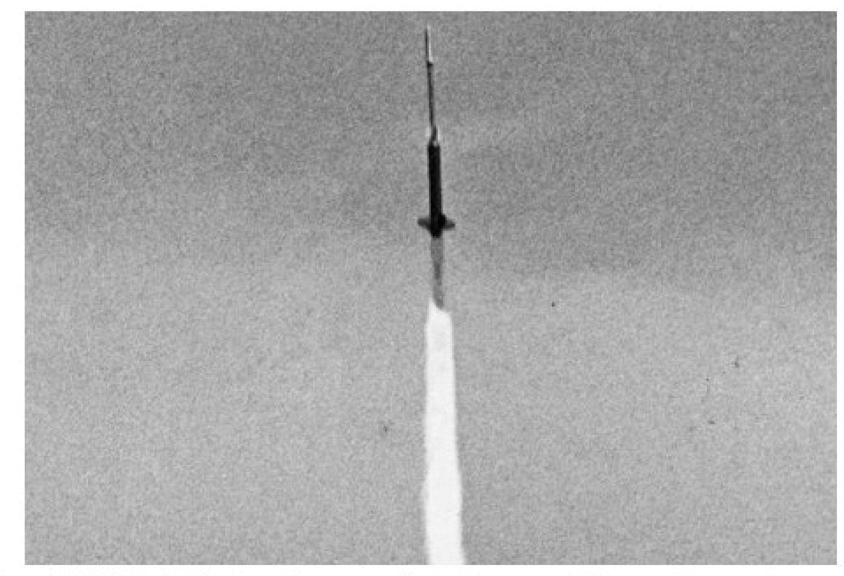
An Assam Rifles trooper and a young man were injured in an exchange of fire in the Kharsang area of Changlang district in Arunachal Pradesh on Friday night. District officials said Assam Rifles personnel responded to the sound of gunfire from the youth who was out hunting, mistaking him to be one of the extremists they were lying in wait for following a tip-off. The local people said the youth was one of three who had gone hunting with firearms and had fired at what they thought was an animal behind a bush in a forest near Panchun village. The youth was shot in the left leg, while the Assam Rifles trooper was hit in the chest. The latter was rushed to an Army base at Dinjan in Assam's Dibrugarh district, where his condition is said to be serious.

Modest start to big strides: space programme turns 60

T.S. Subramanian

On November 21, 1963, a 715-kg Nike Apache rocket soared from a small launch pad on the beachhead at Thumba, a fishing village on the outskirts of Thiruvananthapuram. It rose 208 km into the sky and released a sodium vapour payload, which bedecked the twilight sky with an orange nebula.

Sixty years ago, the launch set India on a journey that saw two more milestones before the country became part of an elite international group. The first was the launch of India's first truly indigenous rocket, on February 22, 1969 – a "pencil-sized" vehicle, in the words of Vasant Gowariker, later Director of the Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC), that weighed around 10 kg. The second came on July 18, 1980, when its home-grown Satellite Launch Vehicle-3 (SLV-3) rocket, weighing 17 tonnes, placed the 35-kg Rohini satellite in orbit – and India in a small group of countries that could launch their satellites into orbit using their own launch vehicles. The only others were the Soviet Union, the U.S., the U.K., and France.



Space legacy: (From left) Vikram Sarabhai (facing the camera, middle) and A.P.J Abdul Kalam (extreme right, face partially seen) near the Nike Apache rocket before its launch on November 21, 1963.; the Nike-Apache rocket launched from Thumba. ISRO & THE HINDU ARCHIVES

When the Nike Apache rocket soared into the sky, the Kerala Assembly was in session, and its members ran out to see the spectacle above. The sight also fascinated thousands of people in the area. Some of them later said the moment captivated them enough to join the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) later.

The launch was an international effort under the United Nations. The rocket came from the U.S., the payload from France, and the range clearance from an Mi-4 helicopter from the then Soviet Union. The rocket and payload engineers were Indians.

The rocket was mated with the payload in St. Mary Magdalene Church, Thumba, which had been taken over by the government. The parish priest's house became the mission control centre. Vikram Sarabhai was present during the launch, along with E.V. Chitnis, P.D. Bhavsar, A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, and the French payload specialist Jacques Blamont. The SLV-3s led to the Augmented Satellite Launch Vehicles (ASLVs), the Polar Satellite Vehicles (PSLVs), and the Geostationary Satellite Launch Vehicles (GSLVs). India also has a variety of sounding rockets to study the upper atmosphere.

Of course, the ISRO has also had its share of disappointments. Its first SLV-3 flight in 1979, its first two ASLV flights, the first PSLV mission, and a few GSLV missions all failed. The agency has had trouble accepting the fate of these missions as such, preferring to call them "partial successes" instead. To its credit, however, the ISRO eventually also vaulted to full successes. Today, India is an influential spacefaring nation. On July 14, 2023, its Launch Vehicle Mark 3 (LVM-3), weighing 640 tonnes, rose from the second launch pad at Sriharikota and placed the four-tonne Chandrayaan-3 composite module into an earth-orbit.

On August 23, 2023, Chandrayaan-3's lander Vikram soft-landed on the moon, making a different kind of history for India. ISRO Chairman S. Somanath called it "the beginning of a golden era". He also told *The Hindu* that he believed the LVM-3 launch to have been the most crucial aspect of the mission. The LVM-3 is a highly sophisticated machine, and its roots go back to the Nike Apache launch 60 years ago.

Today, its rockets allow India to conceive of satellites for a variety of applications, including remote-sensing, weather-forecasting, communications, navigation, surveillance, tele-education, cartography, and prospecting marine resources. India has also embarked on deep-space science missions to study the moon, Mars, sun, and distant stars. The result, in the words of the late S. Ramakrishnan, a rocket technologist and former VSSC Director, is that "India has assured access to space."

B.R. Guruprasad, former ISRO scientist and science writer, says 95 launch vehicles had lifted off from Sriharikota from 1979. The ISRO has put into orbit 90 Indian satellites and deployed in orbit 431 satellites from 34 countries using its launch vehicles.

'Navy ready for evacuations if Gaza situation warrants it'

Navy chief says the force is on standby to deploy its assets, and units are deployed in the Gulf of Oman, Gulf of Aden, and Red Sea for any assistance; says Navy's job is to protect national interest

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Chief of the Naval Staff, Admiral R. Hari Kumar, said here on Saturday that the Navy was on standby to deploy its assets for evacuation if the need arose owing to the Gaza conflict.

"We have our units deployed in the Gulf of Oman, the Gulf of Aden, and also in the Red Sea for any assistance that is required. The country is already providing assistance to Gaza in terms of relief materials," Admiral Kumar said in response to a query on the role of the Indian Navy in West Asia against the backdrop of the conflict in Gaza.

He was delivering the keynote address at the Synergia Conclave, 2023.

Admiral R. Hari Kumar said that by about 2035, the Indian Navy would be 165-170-ship force. SHIV KUMAR PUSHPAKAR

Promote, pursue

"As far as India's national maritime domain is concerned, our job as a Navy is to protect, preserve, promote, and pursue our national interest. Right now, we have adequate resources, we are reasonably well-funded, we got a programme going. We are right now a 130-ship Navy with about 220 aircraft. We have 67 ships and submarines under construction of all sizes," he said.

He said an Acceptance of Necessity (AON) had been given for 45 more ships and submarines, and by about 2035, the Indian Navy would be a 165-170-ship force, along with an increased number of aircraft. The Navy chief said that the "complete takeover by artificial intelligence (AI) by 2045 looks a little far-off", and that the immediate focus would be "manned-unmanned teaming".

"We feel that there has to be a man in the loop, so manned-unmanned teaming is being taken forward in a big way. We have set up an unmanned squadron in Karwar, and there is a lot of work happening with unmanned air assets, unmanned surface water vessels, unmanned underwater vessels," the Navy chief said.

Admiral Kumar said the Indian Navy was looking at whether it could have unmanned surveillance aircraft that could operate from aircraft carriers. "We understand that the Royal Navy is also looking at something similar, so we are also interested in it and are working along with them to take this forward," he said.

'No clear strategy'

The Chief of Defence Staff, General Anil Chauhan, who delivered a special address virtually, said that there was an increasing proclivity to enter conflict to protect perceived national interests. "But most have done so without a clear end state or exit strategy; Afghanistan, Iran, and Ukraine being examples of this. Inter-State conflicts occur due to existing but latent disputes; Azerbaijan, Hamas, Russia, and Ukraine are examples of it. It is important to manage differences and resolve disputes," General Chauhan said.

Meghalaya hopes to create a market for hospitality: Sangma

Sanjana Ganesh
SHILLONG

Conrad Sangma

Meghalaya is developing a tourism model that does not pit the economy against ecology, Chief Minister Conrad Sangma said here on Saturday. As the State plans to scale up its tourism industry, it hopes to create a market for hospitality even while protecting its biodiversity, Mr. Sangma said at a press conference.

The Meghalaya government has recognised several ecologically sensitive zones where all economic activities will cease to exist. "This switch is not easy. Some of these livelihoods date back to about 100 years. As you know, land ownership in Meghalaya is with the community and not with the government. We need local support, political will," Mr. Sangma said. With the Secretariat being moved away from the city to the New Shillong Township, congestion in the city will be eased, helping to push down pollution levels, he added.

A multi-pronged approach – including the development of better hospitality infrastructure, road connectivity, and unique experiences, with a focus on culture – is on the cards for Meghalaya, the Chief Minister said. The tourism industry's boom is expected to create one lakh jobs in the near future, he added. The State will incentivise local business owners to set up homestays and villas in destinations such as Cherrapunji. "We are investing between ₹2,000 and ₹2,500 crore in infrastructure and activity-based tourism," Mr. Sangma said, adding that they are subsidising the establishment of cinema halls and tourist vehicles.

Mr. Sangma also said that the government is creating venues for tourists to view the annual Nongkrem dance festival.

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Chhath Puja, when inter-religious bonhomie is celebrated

Amit Bhelari
PATNA

Chhath – the four-day festival that began with *nahay khay* (a ritual river bath) on Friday and will end on the morning of *arghaya* (prayer and dedication) on Monday – is seeing hundreds of Muslim potters prepare earthenware stoves to be sold to devotees to cook their offerings.

Raisa Khatun has been making terracotta stoves (*mitti ka chulha*) for 30 years, and currently sits at Beer Chand Patel *path* near the income tax office roundabout. "At this time, I don't eat meat, and even avoid garlic and onion," she says, with the knowledge that devotees believe these are inauspicious.

Ms. Khatun follows the way Hindu women begin preparation a week ahead. This includes getting wheat pounded at a local mill rather than buying a packeted version, and making *thekua*, a sweet made at home with this wheat and jaggery. "Even the daily rotis are out of this wheat," she says.

Festive finds: Raisa Khaturn has been making terracotta stoves (*mitti ka chulha*) for 30 years at Beer Chand Patel *Path*. AMIT BHELARI

It takes more than three hours to prepare one *chulha* and she sells it at different prices, ranging from ₹250 to ₹500, depending on the size. Hailing from Vaishali district of Bihar, the *chulha* makers on this stretch buy clay at ₹2,500 a tractor from Naubatpur village in Patna district. Each *chulha* is made with 3-5 kg of clay, and a potter can sell 200-250 stoves at this time. Ms. Khatun is one of hundreds of Muslim families engaged in this work for the festival. They make these stoves the traditional way, for a festival in which lakhs of women gather at the Ganga ghats to pray for family, without the presence of a priest.

Chandni Khatun, another potter on the same stretch, busy working with her husband Mohammad Shahnawaz, says that just as they celebrate Id, they revel in Chhath as well. "Devotion is not restricted to religion. That's why devotees have total faith in what we make," she says, as buyers praise the potters.

"This is the beauty of Chhath – anyone from any religion can contribute. Everyone is equal in front of Chhathi Maiya," says Rashmi Kumar, a resident of Mithapur in Patna. Bihar's latest caste survey showed that of approximately 13 crore people in the State, 17% were Muslim.

Najma Khatun, a resident of the Police Line colony in the city, has been observing this festival for the past 10 years. "I had two children. Both died soon after the birth," she says. "A Hindu friend suggested I perform Chhath. My wish of having a child was fulfilled; in fact, now I have five children," she says. She admits that initially people of her community boycotted her, but now the festival has become a part of her life, and people around have accepted her belief.

Festival preparation

Before Chhath's commencement, Patna's eight Ganga ghats are spruced up and decorated with pandals.

Arrangements are made by the district administration, including the provision of watch towers, temporary changing rooms and toilets, a medical centre, and drinking water points. Every year nearly 2 lakh women assemble at each ghat.

The first day of the festival is *nahay-khay* in which *vratis* (women who are fasting) have a bath in the morning and offer prayers to the rising sun at home or on the ghats, before eating rice and bottle gourd. Gourd prices, usually ₹15-20, soar to ₹70-80 per piece at this time.

The second day is observed as *kharna*, in which kheer and roti with dollops of ghee are eaten. This is the last meal before fasting for two continuous days.

Thekua is also cooked as prasad. It is these food items that are prepared on earthen stoves.

On the third day, devotees offer *arghaya* to the setting sun while standing in water at the ghats.

However, many devotees pay obeisance to the sun god using artificial ponds on their terraces as well. The festival ends on the fourth day after offering *araghya* to the rising sun, followed by breaking the two-day fast with *thekua*.

SAN FRANCISCO

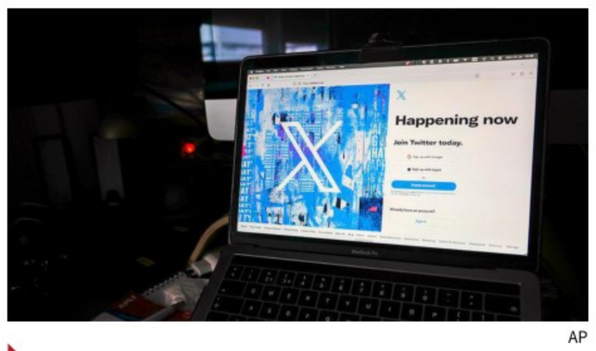
Biden, Mexico President vow to work on fentanyl, migrant crises

REUTERS

U.S. President Joe Biden and Mexican President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador pledged to work together to tackle the fentanyl and migration crises as an Asia-Pacific summit wrapped up in San Francisco. The synthetic opioid fentanyl, has caused tens of thousands of deaths in the U.S. AFP

SAN FRANCISCO

Advertisers drop X after owner Elon Musk backs anti-Semitic post



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An exodus of big-name advertisers such as Apple, Disney, Comcast, Lionsgate Entertainment, and Paramount Global appeared under way at X, formerly Twitter, in the wake of Elon Musk endorsing an anti-Semitic conspiracy theory. The White House also condemned Musk for "abhorrent promotion" of anti-Semitism. AFP

KYIV

Ukraine says two persons killed in Russian strikes near frontline

REUTERS

Ukraine said two first responders were killed and at least seven persons injured in Russian rocket strikes on the southeastern region of Zaporizhzhia on Saturday. The attacks came as Kyiv's air force said Russia fired 38 drones at its territory overnight — the highest reported number in more than six weeks. AFP

ISLAMABAD

IMF revises Pakistan's foreign loan requirement to $25 billion

REUTERS

The IMF has revised down Pakistan's foreign loan requirements to $25 billion for the ongoing fiscal year — reducing it by $3.4 billion in a big relief for its cash-starved economy, according to a media report on Saturday. The Washington-based global lender also lowered the economic growth projection to just 2%. PTI

Inmates of Gaza hospital leave as Israel strikes enclave's north, south

Patients, staff and displaced people exit Shifa hospital, leaving behind only Israeli forces and a skeleton crew to care for those too sick to move; dozens killed as Israeli airstrikes hit UN refugee camp in Jabaliya; Internet, phone services restored

Associated Press
KHAN YOUNIS

Patients, staff and displaced people departed Gaza's largest hospital on Saturday, health officials said, leaving behind only Israeli forces and a skeleton crew to care for those too sick to move.

The exodus in Gaza City came the same day Internet and phone service was restored to the Gaza Strip, ending a telecommunications blackout that forced the United Nations to shut down critical humanitarian aid deliveries because it was unable to coordinate its convoys.

Dozens of people were killed in the urban Jabaliya refugee camp on Saturday when what witnesses described as an Israeli airstrike hit a crowded UN shelter in the main combat zone of northern Gaza. It caused massive destruction in the camp's Fakhoura school, with dozens of people were seen lying motionless, said Ahmed Radwan and Yassin Sharif.

Early end: Palestinians check the bodies of people killed by Israeli airstrikes on Jabaliya refugee camp in northern Gaza. AP

'Horrifying scenes'

"The scenes were horrifying. Corpses of women and children were on the ground. Others were screaming for help," Mr. Radwan said by phone.

The Israeli military, which had warned Jabaliya residents and others in a social media post in Arabic to leave, had no immediate comment. It rarely comments on individual strikes, saying only that it targets Hamas while trying to minimise harm to civilians.

"Receiving horrifying images & footage of scores of people killed and injured in another UNRWA school sheltering thousands of displaced in the north of the Gaza Strip. These attacks cannot become commonplace, they must stop. A humanitarian ceasefire cannot wait any longer," Philippe Lazzarini, the commissioner general of the UN agency for Palestinian refugees, or UNRWA, said on X, formerly Twitter.

Attacks also continued in southern Gaza. An Israeli airstrike hit a residential building on the outskirts of the town of Khan Younis, killing at least 26 Palestinians.

Rising toll

More than 11,500 Palestinians have been killed in the war, according to Palestinian health authorities. Another 2,700 have been reported missing, believed buried under rubble. The count does not differentiate between civilians and combatants, but more than two-thirds of those killed were women and children; Israel says it has killed thousands of militants.

Maldives 'requests' India to withdraw military persons

Kallol Bhattacherjee
NEW DELHI

Hours after being sworn in, President Mohamed Muizzu of the Maldives "requested" India to "withdraw" its military personnel from his country. Mr. Muizzu personally conveyed the message during a meeting with visiting Minister of Earth Sciences Kiren Rijiju who represented India at the swearing-in ceremony at capital Male on Friday.

"At the meeting, President Muizzu had formally requested Government of India to withdraw its military personnel from the Maldives. The President noted that at the Presidential Election held in September, the Maldivian people had given him a strong mandate to make the request to India and expressed the hope that India will honour the democratic will of the people of the Maldives," a press release from the President's Office of the Maldives announced.

Mohamed Muizzu

Mr. Muizzu-led Progressive Party of Maldives won the September election by defeating President Ibrahim Mohamed Solih's Maldivian Democratic Party (MDP).

On Friday, Mr. Muizzu set the stage for his message to India by announcing, "The country will not have any foreign military personnel in the Maldives." Mr. Muizzu did not name India during his remarks, but it was obvious that he was referring to the presence of Indian personnel. Indian sources argued that the presence of unarmed Indian military personnel was meant for the training of Maldivian personnel and for the maintenance of equipment.

Foreign dignitaries

Mr. Rijiju participated in Friday's swearing-in ceremony that saw a number of international delegates including Samantha Power, the Administrator of the USAID, Hasan Mahmud, Information Minister of Bangladesh, Patricia Scotland, Secretary General of the Commonwealth and Chinese President's Special Envoy Shen Yiqin.

During the stay, the Indian minister also visited the Exim Bank-funded Social Housing Units Project at Hulhumale which is one of the largest Indian developmental projects in the Maldives.

SpaceX's Starship test flight makes progress, but ship explodes followed by booster

Agence France-Presse
STARBASE

The second test launch of SpaceX's Starship got off to a successful start on Saturday, with the booster separating from the spaceship, but both then exploded shortly after over the ocean.

The largest rocket ever built – Elon Musk hopes it will one day be used to colonise Mars – blasted off from the company's Starbase in Boca Chica, Texas shortly after 7 am local time (1300 GMT).

Bill Nelson, head of NASA, which is awaiting a modified version of Starship to land humans on the Moon, said Saturday's attempt showed progress.

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AI-powered chemist makes oxygen from Martian meteorites

The Hindu Bureau

Oxygen-producing materials made from meteorites found on Mars have been produced using a robotic artificial intelligence (AI)-chemist. The research, published in *Nature Synthesis*, provides a proof-of-concept for generating oxygen and may have implications for future manned missions to Mars.

Potential future manned missions to Mars will require oxygen as it is essential to human activity on the planet, being used in rocket propellants and life-support systems.

One of the ways to make these potential missions more cost-effective in the long term and less complex would be to use resources already present on the planet to create oxygen, rather than transport materials from Earth. Recent evidence of water on Mars and analysis of the elemental composition of meteorites found on the planet could provide an opportunity to make catalysts using Martian resources.

Jun Jiang from the University of Science and Technology of China, Hefei, China and others developed a robotic AI-chemist that is able to create catalysts that can be used to produce oxygen from Martian materials without human intervention. "Using a machine-learning model derived from both first-principles data and experimental measurements, this method automatically and rapidly identifies the optimal catalyst formula from more than three million possible compositions," the authors write.

The authors selected five different categories of meteorites that come from or have been confirmed to exist on Mars, which were analysed by the robotic AI-chemist. The robotic AI-chemist was able to convert the meteorites into chemical compounds and make catalysts from these compounds before testing the catalysts' oxygen production performance. This process was repeated by the robot until the best catalyst had been found, which they suggest could have taken 2,000 years of human labour. The authors then showed that this catalyst could operate under simulated Martian conditions.

"The synthesised catalyst operates at a current density of 10 mA cm^{-2} for over 550,000 seconds of operation with an overpotential of 445.1 mV, demonstrating the feasibility of the artificial-intelligence chemist in the automated synthesis of chemicals and materials for Mars exploration," they write.

This robotic AI-chemist allows for the automated production of catalysts using Martian meteorites, which may lead to a way for humans to make oxygen on Mars in the future, the authors conclude.

U.S. data underscore benefits of chickenpox vaccination

25 years of data (1995-2019) from the U.S. show a sharp drop in the incidence of chickenpox and shingles in children; in adults, shingles cases did not increase as feared and the rate of shingles is expected to decline

R. Prasad

On November 14, the U.K. government announced that the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI) had recommended a vaccine against chickenpox (varicella) should be added to routine childhood immunisation programme. The vaccine is to be offered to all children in two doses, at 12 and 18 months of age. A final decision to introduce the vaccine has not been taken yet.

JCVI's recommendation comes nearly three decades after the U.S. introduced it in 1996, and a body of evidence emphasising the benefits of varicella vaccination. While chickenpox in children is most often relatively mild, some can develop complications, including bacterial infections, and in rare cases can cause encephalitis, lung inflammation, and even stroke; it can also rarely cause deaths.

Even when the disease clears, the virus stays dormant in the body and can get reactivated to cause herpes zoster (shingles), especially in adults. Exposure to the virus through children with chickenpox was expected to boost the immunity in adults and thus reduce the risk of shingles. It was theorised that vaccination of children will lead to loss of natural immunity boosting in adults, thus leading to significant increase in shingles cases. This was one of the reasons why routine administration of the vaccine in children did not begin in the U.K. earlier.

Evidence did not support the assumption of increased shingles in adults in countries that have introduced chickenpox vaccination. While a 2019 paper showed that varicella vaccination did not increase shingles incidence in adults, another study published in 2020 found that 10-20 years after adults were exposed to infected children, the protective effect against shingles was just 27%. A 2022 paper based on 25 years of data (1995-2019) from the U.S. showed a sharp drop in the incidence of chickenpox and shingles in children. In adults, shingles cases did not increase as feared. Rather, the rate of shingles in adults is expected to decline as vaccinated children become old, the study says. Unpublished results from a modelling study by the University of Cambridge found that the duration of protection from shingles was not 20 years as assumed but "likely to be around three years", JCVI said on November 14.

Since its introduction in the U.S., the vaccine has prevented over 91 million chickenpox cases, 2,38,000 hospitalisations, and almost 2,000 deaths.

"The evidence in favour of the chickenpox vaccine has been amply clear for a while. Once again, JCVI seems to have followed an ideology of infection being beneficial for children and at population level," Dr. Deepti Gurdasani, a clinical epidemiologist at the Queen Mary University of London told *The Hindu* by email. "The thinking behind not recommending the vaccine prior to now was that this may lead to an increase in shingles incidence because of lack of 'boosting' of the population by infected children. This has not come to pass. In fact, vaccination has been associated with a lower chance of reactivation and shingles compared to infection so far." As per an unpublished study by the University of Bristol, "complications from severe varicella were common, costly and placed a burden on health services. Uncomplicated varicella can also cause hospitalisation in very young children." The JCVI statement admits that the true extent of hospitalisation due to varicella was "underestimated". The reason: hospitalisations were "frequently due to secondary complications" arising from infection and also childhood stroke, which were "not always recorded".

"There are several hundreds of thousands of cases of varicella each year in the U.K., most happening in under five-year-olds. While death is rare, hospitalisations do occur, with up to 4,000 admissions per year and £6.8 million in hospitalisation costs, and much greater costs associated with children being ill," Dr. Gurdasani says.

India is yet to include varicella vaccine in the universal immunisation programme.

"As per the NFHS-5 data for childhood vaccination, the coverage for severe diseases such as diphtheria and pertussis has only reached 76.6%. Expanding this program remains an immediate priority," says Dr. Rajeev Jayadevan, Member, Public Health Advisory Panel, Kerala State IMA. The actual disease burden of chickenpox and shingles, and hospitalisation costs in India are not known. As a result, the cost-benefit analysis of varicella vaccination has not been done. "Published studies from Asia estimate 5 cases of shingles per 1,000 person-years, the risk increasing to 7.4-13.8 per 1,000 person-years in people over 50 years," Dr. Jayadevan says. "Experts at the Indian Academy of Pediatrics believe the risk of shingles may be lower."

Chickenpox vaccine offers huge benefits

While the infection is mild in most cases, some children goes on to develop complications

Double trouble: Even after the infection clears, the virus stays dormant in the body and can get reactivated to cause shingles, especially in adults. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

- The U.S. introduced one dose of vaccine in 1996; severe cases dropped by about 90% before 2003
- In 2007, the U.S. included a second dose of the vaccine, which led to a further decline in incidence, hospitalisation, and death
- Since its introduction, over 91 million chickenpox cases, 2,38,000 hospitalisations, and almost 2,000 deaths have been prevented in the U.S.
- Exposure to children with chickenpox was expected to boost the immunity in adults who have been previously infected, thus reducing the risk of shingles
- It was believed that when children are vaccinated, adults will no longer get naturally boosted immune, putting them at higher risk
- Evidence from the U.S. shows no increased incidence of shingles in adults due to vaccination of children
- An unpublished study found that in the U.K. the true extent of hospitalisation due to chickenpox was underestimated as hospitalisations were frequently due to secondary complications

COVID-19: brain damage mechanism uncovered

Rajeev Jayadevan

While COVID-19 continues to be active in several western countries, its severity has diminished. A vexing issue however is Long COVID, a set of long-term health problems that linger for several months following recovery from the infection.

A recent Harvard study comparing infected and non-infected individuals, reported a 10% risk of getting Long COVID.

A prominent Long COVID symptom is brain fog, which involves difficulty focusing, memory impairment and challenges in decision-making.

Shrinking parts

A recent study from Stony Brook University in the U.S., utilising cognitive assessment tests, identified a significant intellectual decline following COVID. This was particularly pronounced among those with Long COVID. The exact mechanism remains unclear, but U.K. Biobank MRI studies had demonstrated shrinking of parts of the brain following COVID-19.

In this context, researchers from the University of Queensland and Macquarie University of Australia, in collaboration with the University of Helsinki recently made some startling discoveries. The results were published in the journal *Science Advances*.

Using specialised laboratory cells that mimic the human brain they found that infection by the SARS-CoV-2 virus resulted in individual brain cells fusing together as one. This could happen between two neurons, two glial cells or between a neuron and a glial cell. It could also involve more than two cells.

Process of fusion

By measuring the inflow of calcium ions into the cell, they further demonstrated that the process of fusion also affected their function. Instead of firing individually, the fused neurons fired all at once. This could disrupt communication between nerve cells. Interestingly, the cells did not die.

Fusogenic: SARS-CoV-2 virus infection resulted in individual brain cells fusing together. AP

In effect, they discovered a new disease state of the brain in COVID-19, where the cells are structurally and functionally altered, yet remain alive. This is distinct from the previously known outcomes of viral infection of the brain, which are cell death and inflammation. Apart from SARS-CoV-2, which is known to enter the brain by disrupting the blood-brain barrier, viruses such as rabies, HIV and Nipah are also capable of infecting the brain.

The scientists then went on to study the mechanism of cell fusion. When the virus infects a cell, it causes fusion proteins to be expressed on the surface of cells. These proteins latch on to a neighbouring cell, eventually the two cells becoming one.

Fusion of brain cells not only alters the structure of the complex, but also makes the cells dysfunctional. This process is called syncytium formation, wherein the components of one cell freely flow into others.

Viruses use this as a clever method for cell-to-cell spread, while staying out of reach of antibodies that lurk outside the cells. COVID-19 is known to induce the same effect in lung cells.

The SARS-CoV-2 virus uses its spike protein for cell fusion. However, the spike protein used in the vaccine, being an altered version of the original, is not fusogenic. Therefore, there is no concern of such a thing happening after vaccination.

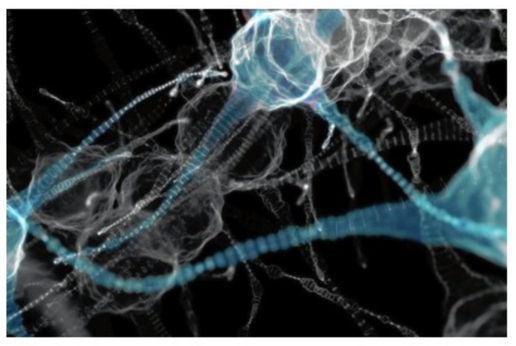
The prognosis of Long COVID is being studied. While some individuals recover after several months, the outlook has been less optimistic for a substantial number of people. Being an all-new disease previously unknown to man, knowledge about COVID-19 will continue to evolve.

(*Rajeev Jayadevan is co-chairman, National IMA COVID Task Force*)

SNAPSHOTS

AI-powered weather forecasting from Google

A machine learning-based weather forecasting model from Google DeepMind leads to better, faster, and more accessible 10-day weather predictions than existing approaches, according to a new study. The model, dubbed "GraphCast," outperformed traditional systems in 90% of tested cases. It also performed well in predictions related to extreme events, for which it was not directly trained. Machine learning-based weather prediction (MLWP), which can be trained from historical data, offers an alternative.



A new sensor toolkit for studying neuropeptides

New biosensors have helped reveal the activity of neuropeptides in the brain, researchers report, providing novel tools for studying the release, function, and regulation of these crucial signalling molecules *in vivo*. According to a study, the approach has the potential to address questions regarding neuropeptides and their roles in health and disease. In the brain, neuropeptides are signalling molecules in the body that regulate many physiological functions, including digestion, metabolism, and sleep.

The secret behind mussels' interface revealed

The same bundle of non-living filaments that mussels use to anchor themselves within their environment can also be jettisoned on demand. Mussels create this quick-release interface by way of a neurochemically-mediated junction, where billions of motile cilia hold fast to interlinked biopolymer sheets. The ability to produce stable and strong connections between living tissues and non-living surfaces is crucial for a wide range of advanced biomaterials applications.

Question Corner

Bitter taste

Can sharks taste bitter substances?

Researchers have discovered a receptor for bitter taste in 12 different cartilaginous fish (sharks and rays). The receptor belongs to the so-called taste receptors type 2 (T2R), which also makes humans perceive bitter and potentially toxic foods. Until now, it was assumed that such receptors only occur in bony vertebrates. Twelve out of 17 cartilaginous fish genomes studied contained genes for the taste receptors type 2, with only one T2R gene present in each species (*Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*). The researchers named this single gene T2R1. The fact that only a single T2R gene was found suggests that it is the original form of these bitter taste receptors, which was not altered by gene duplication and different specialisation of the resulting receptors. The results showed that both bamboo shark and the catshark can taste bitter substances also perceived by humans, such as colchicine or bile acid. A screening of 94 human bitter substances identified 11 substances that could also activate the sharks' receptors.

Readers may send their questions / answers to questioncorner@thehindu.co.in

Why has the China-Pakistan corridor stalled?

What has led to an impasse in the development of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor?

Suchitra Karthikeyan

The story so far:

Seeking funds to the tune of $65 billion via infrastructure investment, Pakistan's caretaker Prime Minister Anwaarul Haq Kakar, on October 20, completed a five-day trip to Beijing. He was also attempting to allay China's demands regarding the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), the infrastructure project spearheaded by Beijing from 2015 that had reached an impasse due to disagreements over the Gwadar port in Balochistan.

What is the CPEC?

The CPEC – one of the One Belt, One Road's (OBOR) largest investments – was formally launched in 2015 during Chinese President Xi Jinping's two-day state visit to Pakistan. Signing over 50 projects worth $45 billion, China set up the 'Silk Road Fund' to invest in CPEC projects planned till 2030. The main project was to establish a corridor connecting Pakistan's Gwadar port in Balochistan to China's Kashgar in the south-western Xinjiang region. The Silk Road Fund, which manages the investment, is being financed by a consortium of Chinese banks. The projects themselves are undertaken by various Chinese firms in collaboration with Pakistani companies. Apart from this corridor, a number of power projects and several special economic zones are to be developed under the CPEC.

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When did trouble start?

The CPEC had teething troubles in 2016 as several projects ground to a halt over confusion on funding, contractor selection, delay in bidding process, differences over tax exemption, and obtaining of no-objection certificates. For example, the Gwadar port faced multiple issues, starting with water supply. The 11.2 billion rupees project to supply, treat and distribute water to the port by connecting the Swad and Shadikaur dams was delayed as the port authorities were unclear if the project's funding was via a grant, an interest-free loan or a commercial loan from China. Other projects like the 600 MW Gwadar coal-fired power plant and the Gwadar Smart Port City Master Plan too ran into issues over uncertainty about funding.

These projects are financed by commercial Chinese loans and are insured by the China Export and Credit Insurance Corporation (Sinosure) against non-payment, guaranteed by the Pakistan government. Sinosure levies a 7% debt servicing fee, a yearly varying interest, and financing fee, making the entire project a huge economic burden on the debt-ridden nation. Several experts have argued that the high costs incurred in construction will diminish any gains from the increased power production.

How have locals reacted to the project?

The biggest thorn in CPEC's side is the intense protest by locals in Balochistan against the Gwadar port city project. Fearing loss of local livelihoods such as fishing, and resisting the use of unskilled Chinese labour instead of Pakistani locals, Baloch residents have refused to sell land to the Chinese for building the port. Moreover, the Gwadar port has been leased to the China Overseas Ports Holding Company which means that Beijing reaps 91% of the profits while Islamabad gains only 9%. This has led to a rise in anti-China sentiments among Baloch locals.

Complicating issues further, the Pakistani government has resorted to grabbing lands from locals, forcing them to resettle elsewhere. This has led to a rise in insurgency in Balochistan. These militant groups have carried out several attacks on Pakistani Army officials providing protection to Chinese workers.

What is the rift between China and Pakistan?

China stopped funding three road projects – the 210-km Dera Ismail Khan-Zhob Road worth 81 billion rupees, the 110-km Khuzdar-Basima Road worth 19.7 billion rupees, and the 136-km Karakoram Highway worth 8.5 billion rupees – over suspicions of corruption. China also complicated the Gwadar port issue by insisting on Yuan as a legal tender in the region. In a retaliatory move, in May 2018, the Pakistan National Assembly's Standing Committee ordered an inquiry into the China Overseas Ports Holding Company (Pakistan) claiming that it had been operating without valid security clearance. The port construction, already slow due to local resistance, virtually stalled. In 2022, China refused to further expand cooperation with Pakistan in the areas of energy, water management, and climate change under CPEC.

What next?

With the recent visit to Beijing, Islamabad is attempting to restart funding for its key projects. While Mr. Kakar and Chinese President Xi Jinping reviewed the progress of other projects, the development of the Gwadar port itself remains unresolved.

Why are people fleeing Myanmar for Mizoram?

What's happening in the border States of the northeast because of the civil war in the neighbouring country? How have ethnic organisations responded to the junta crackdown? How has China reacted to the hostilities?

Srinivasan Ramani

The story so far:

In a spillover of the civil war in Myanmar, more than 1,500 nationals of India's neighbouring country, took refuge in Mizoram's Champhai district early this Monday following a gunfight between the Myanmar Army, and pro-democracy militias in the country's western Chin State abutting Mizoram. Reports indicate that the attacks on the ruling military junta (or the Tatmadaw) involving the Chin National Army (CNA) and the Chin Defense Force among others led to the capture of two bases – the Khawmawi and Rihkhawdar military camps – by the rebels.

What is the situation in Myanmar?

The attacks in Chin State coincidentally followed a major coordinated attack on regime forces by three ethnic armed groups – the Myanmar National Democratic Alliance Army (MNDAA), Ta'ang National Liberation Army (TNLA) and the Arakan Army (AA) in Myanmar's north Shan State abutting China. The coordinated attacks, termed "Operation 1027" on October 27, by the Three Brotherhood Alliance as the three groups called their collective, led to serious setbacks for the junta's forces in Shan State and brought about a sequence of other rebel attacks – including those in the Chin State. Scores of military outposts and bases were either abandoned by the junta forces or were captured by the rebels, with the UN stating that 60,000 people in Shan State and 2,00,000 overall in the country have been displaced following the current hostilities taking the total number of civilian displacements to more than two million since the coup.

> The Brotherhood Alliance's attack on the junta since late October has changed the equations, increasing the number of battlefields for the junta and stretching it thin

Seeking refuge: The Zokhawthar area in Champhai district, where many Myanmar nationals have taken shelter, in Mizoram on November 16. ANI

What led to the current civil war?

In February 2021, a new junta, the State Administration Council (SAC) dominated by the Myanmar armed forces, organised a military coup that ousted the civilian National League for Democracy-government and detained its leader Aung San Suu Kyi among many other legislators and party officials. The junta said it captured power because of irregularities in the November 2020 elections, even though international observers called the elections fair. The coup led to the collapse of the democratic phase that opened up after the 2008 Constitution. This Constitution allowed for reserving 25% of the Parliament of Myanmar for serving military officers, and control over home, border affairs and defence by the military, thereby limiting civilian powers.

After the February 2021 coup, there were nationwide protests and civil disobedience campaigns, leading to what was called the "Spring Revolution". Members of the deposed NLD and other elected ethnic lawmakers formed a new political body called the Committee Representing Pyidaungsu Hluttaw (or National Parliament in Burmese), which along with other civil society actors, ethnic party representatives and others later formed the National Unity Consultative Council (NUCC) – a dialogue platform seeking to unite pro-democratic forces. The NUCC agreed upon a "federal democratic charter" (FDC) that sought to come up with a future constitution, and a political roadmap to a "federal democratic" country to be led by a National Unity Government (NUG) that was announced in April 2021. A final publication of the FDC happened in March 2022, after incorporating ethnic demands of recognition and equality for non-Bamar minority identities. The United States Institute of Peace argues that the resistance is now "led by the most inclusive political coalition in Myanmar's history".

The junta responded by violently cracking down on the largely peaceful movement leading to the NUG announcing the creation of People's Defense Forces (PDF), and in September 2021, explicitly gave the call for the PDF and other rebels to attack the junta, launching a civil war.

What has been the ethnic organisations' response to the coup?

The ethnic armed actors, despite coming under severe attack over the years from the Tatmadaw, have managed to establish autonomous enclaves in their areas. With the Tatmadaw unable to defeat them entirely, it signed ceasefires with groups that allowed them to retain arms and some autonomy in minority areas, a situation that persists even today. The ethnic armed groups' responses to the insurrection call by the NUG have been varied. A paper by Paul Vrieze in the *Asian Survey* journal last year pointed to three divergent responses. Groups such as the Karen (Karen National Union), Kachin (Kachin Independence Organization), Chin (Chin National Front) and Karenni (Karenni National Progressive Party) rebels support the NUG, fighting the army and helping forming anti-coup militias. They do so while rejecting a NUG proposal for a single "Federal Army" under unified NUG command.

What happened after Chin was targeted?

The junta's first punitive action against ethnic armed organisations was targeted at those in Chin State in October 2021, an initiative that failed but resulted in several refugees fleeing to Mizoram and Manipur in India. While New Delhi passed strictures not to open camps or provide assistance, the Mizoram government defied the Union government's order to deport the refugees and allowed them to take shelter. The Mizo people regard those from the Chin community as ethnic brethren. The influx of refugees in Manipur has heightened the ethnic conflict between the Kuki-Zo community and the majority Meiteis in the State.

Eight groups including the Restoration Council of Shan State (RCSS), New Mon State Party (NMSP), Pa-O National Liberation Organization (PNLO) initially joined the NUCC dialogue, but after the junta's crackdown, decided to retain their ceasefire status with the junta. The TNLA, the Kokang-based MNDAA, and other northern groups in Shan State, besides the Rakhine state based AA used the post-coup situation to strengthen themselves without provoking the junta. However, the Brotherhood Alliance between the MNDAA, AA and the TNLA and its attack on the junta forces since late October has changed equations suddenly, increasing the number of battlefields for the junta and stretching it thin.

How has China reacted?

Myanmar's closest ally, China, has leverage over some of the northern ethnic armed forces that are now engaged against the junta. While Beijing has publicly called for a cessation in hostilities, experts aver that the Chinese are willing to tolerate the actions as the rebels have evinced interest in reining in illicit activities such as "telecom scam centres" in the Kokang zone. The MNDAA announced that it is planning to attack the Laukkai township in Kokang which is controlled by junta-affiliated militias and is also host to many cybercrime compounds. These illicit centres have trapped thousands of Chinese nationals besides many from Southeast Asia, forcing them to carry out internet fraud, theft and cybercrime activities targeting Chinese citizens and others.

What led ICC to suspend Sri Lanka Cricket?

Why are there allegations of breach of obligations as a Member? What do the rules specify? What will happen to cricket in Sri Lanka because of the suspension? Is the country slated to host any international event in the near future?

N. Sudarshan

The story so far:

On November 10, the International Cricket Council (ICC), cricket's world governing body, suspended Sri Lanka Cricket (SLC) over government interference. In a statement, the ICC said that SLC was in "serious breach of its obligations as a Member, in particular, the requirement to manage its affairs autonomously and ensure that there is no government interference in the governance, regulation and/or administration of cricket in Sri Lanka."

What was the 'government interference'?

In the immediate aftermath of Sri Lanka's disastrous ninth-place finish in the 2023 World Cup in India, as a result of which it missed out on qualifying for the 2025 Champions Trophy, Sri Lanka's Sports Minister Roshan Ranasinghe sacked the SLC board and chose former captain Arjuna Ranatunga to head an interim committee. However, on November 7, Sri Lanka's Court of Appeal issued a two-week stay order and reinstated the SLC regime helmed by president Shammi Silva. Two days after the breather from the court, the Sri Lankan parliament unanimously passed a resolution seeking the cricket board's removal, perhaps the final straw in ICC's eyes.

> The conditions of Sri Lanka's ouster and potential reinstatement will be known after the ICC board meets on Tuesday

Trouble brews: Roshan Ranasinghe addressing the press on November 11. AFP

The SLC and the government have, in fact, been at loggerheads for a considerable time, with Mr. Ranasinghe accusing the cricket bosses of maladministration and corruption, and SLC, in turn, criticising the government of unnecessary meddling. The battle further escalated after the Sports Minister claimed that there was a threat to his life. On November 13, the SLC slapped a defamation lawsuit against Mr. Ranasinghe, seeking damages amounting to 2.4 billion rupees (LKR).

What are ICC rules on govt. interference?

According to article 2.4, clause D of the ICC Memorandum & Articles of Association, each member must at all times "manage its affairs autonomously and ensure that there is no government (or other public or quasi-public body) interference in its governance, regulation and/or administration of Cricket in its Cricket Playing Country (including in operational matters, in the selection and management of teams, and in the appointment of coaches or support personnel)." While there is no bar on politicians holding office, the ICC requires that all decision-making rests with an executive body whose office-holders are determined via free and democratic elections. On the day of the suspension, *Espncricinfo* reported that "Sri Lanka's sports minister has had the role of ratifying all national teams, as per the nation's sports law, which has been in place since 1973."

Have there been past instances of ICC cracking the whip?

SLC is the second full ICC member to be suspended in recent times after Zimbabwe in 2019 for similar reasons. In 2014-15, SLC was demoted to observer status from that of a full member after an interim committee led by former Test player Sidath Wettimuny took the place of the then president Jayantha Dharmadasa and his team. Dharmadasa's position had become null and void following the failure to hold timely elections according to the country's sports law. It is to be noted that when the Supreme Court of India appointed the Justice Lodha Committee to oversee reforms in the constitution of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) in the mid-2010s, the ICC had refused to get involved. This eventually led to the formation of a Committee of Administrators to run the affairs of the BCCI temporarily before an elected body took over.

How will the suspension affect Sri Lanka?

The ICC Memorandum & Articles of Association states that "any Member that has its membership suspended shall, unless the Board of Directors decides otherwise in its absolute discretion, and for the period of such suspension, be deprived of all of its rights as a Member (whether set out in these Articles of Association or otherwise), including its right to receive distributions of surplus ICC revenues, its right to participate in events sanctioned by the ICC and its right to attend and vote at meetings."

When Zimbabwe was de-recognised, all cricketing activity in the country was shut down and funds frozen. When Sri Lanka was partially sanctioned in 2014-15, ICC had placed the funds due to the island nation in an escrow. The present conditions of Sri Lanka's ouster and potential reinstatement will only be known after the ICC board meets in Ahmedabad on Tuesday after the conclusion of the Men's Cricket World Cup. Currently, there are no cricket matches scheduled for Sri Lanka at least for a month, though it is slated to host the 2024 Under-19 Men's World Cup in January and February.

What does the future hold?

Mr. Ranasinghe has said that the government will approach the ICC's dispute resolution committee, an ICC body that reviews appeals from boards on membership matters. In case of a failure, the ministry would knock on the doors of the International Olympic Committee-authorised Court of Arbitration for Sport in Lausanne, Switzerland. The two-week stay order issued by the Sri Lankan Court of Appeal expires on Monday and it remains to be seen if the Ranatunga-led interim committee returns.

The World Cup-winning captain had recently blamed BCCI secretary and Union Home Minister Amit Shah's son Jay Shah, who is also the president of the Asian Cricket Council, for "running" and "ruining" Sri Lanka cricket. Following the comment, Sri Lankan President Ranil Wickremesinghe expressed his regret to Mr. Jay Shah for Mr. Ranatunga's views.

PROFILES

Limited peace, unlimited tensions

Border Peace and Tranquility Agreement

Thirty years on after the first India-China border agreement, the mechanisms built to keep the peace on the Line of Actual Control are fraying and in need of urgent revisiting

Ananth Krishnan

The peace agreement being signed in the presence of then Prime Minister P. V. Narasimha Rao and then Chinese Premier Li Peng in Beijing on September 7, 1993. PIB

THE GIST

The first article of the BPTA saw a commitment that "neither side shall use or threaten to use force against the other by any means" and that "pending an ultimate solution to the boundary question between the two countries, the two sides shall strictly respect and observe the LAC"

Both also committed that neither side shall overstep the LAC and that "each side will keep its military forces in the areas along the LAC to a minimum level compatible with the friendly and good neighbourly relations between the two countries"

None of those commitments now appear valid, with the ongoing LAC crisis entering its fourth winter and more than 100,000 troops from both sides deployed in forward areas close to the LAC

It took a border crisis that dragged on for years to finally bring India and China to the table.

Thirty years ago, officials from both sides, meeting in the aftermath of the Sumdorong Chu stand-off that strained relations, thrashed out what would be a historic first ever border agreement between the neighbours who had, in 1962, fought a war. Signed in September 1993 during Prime Minister Narasimha Rao's visit to China, what's now known as the Border Peace and Tranquility Agreement (BPTA) – or to give it its full name, the "Agreement on the Maintenance of Peace and Tranquility along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in the India-China Border Areas" – for the first time saw both sides legally commit to respecting the status quo and reduce the risk of an unplanned confrontation.

That the 30th anniversary of what was in many ways a historic development, passed without mention underlines its contested legacy today. For at least two decades, the BPTA, and subsequent agreements that it paved the way for, helped keep the peace on the longest undemarcated border in the world. Yet, the limited nature of the agreement would also ironically push both countries into an infrastructure race, ultimately leading to increasingly frequent incidents, starting in 2013, culminating in the deadly clash at Galwan in June 2020.

Indeed, the very first article of the BPTA saw a commitment that "neither side shall use or threaten to use force against the other by any means" and that "pending an ultimate solution to the boundary question between the two countries, the two sides shall strictly respect and observe the line of actual control (LAC) between the two sides". Both also committed that neither side shall overstep the LAC and that "each side will keep its military forces in the areas along the LAC to a minimum level compatible with the friendly and good neighbourly relations between the two countries" and would "agree to reduce their military forces along the LAC in conformity with the requirements of the principle of mutual and equal security to ceilings to be mutually agreed." None of those commitments now appear valid, with the ongoing crisis entering its fourth winter and more than 100,000 troops from both sides deployed in forward areas close to the LAC.

Ambiguity around LAC

At the heart of the reasons for the breakdown in border agreements and mechanisms is the inherent ambiguity that surrounds the LAC and was built into the BPTA. The LAC problem was one that negotiators wrestled with as they thrashed out the BPTA, given India's long-standing discomfort with the term, first proposed by then Chinese Premier Zhou Enlai in a letter to Jawaharlal Nehru on November 7, 1959. China still claims this 1959 LAC as the valid one. As former Foreign Secretary and Ambassador to China Vijay Gokhale explains in his 2022 book *After Tiananmen*, China wanted to insert the term "LAC of 7 November 1959" into the BPTA, which India refused.

"This problem was sidestepped by inserting the provision that both sides would clarify the LAC wherever required, which, by implication, meant that India did not share a common perception with China about the so-called LAC of 7 November 1959," he reflected. "There is no gainsaying that such a formulation did not conclusively reject the Chinese version of the LAC. But in the circumstances, the alternative might have been a continued state of close confrontation all along the LAC at a time when India was battling Pakistan-sponsored terrorism in both Punjab and Jammu and Kashmir. Choices had to be made and that is what India did."

One undeniable positive of the BPTA was its paving the way for further agreements that helped keep the peace soon after Sumdorong Chu, starting with an agreement in 1996 on "Confidence Building Measures in the Military Field along the LAC", which acknowledged the unsettled definition of the LAC in 1993 and said both sides need to ultimately arrive at a common understanding of the LAC. Both sides also appointed Special Representatives in 2003 and agreed on a three-step process for a final settlement of the boundary. The first step, on political parameters and guiding principles, was completed in 2005. Negotiations for a framework then began but have never been completed.

As negotiations on the boundary stalled, the mechanisms designed to keep the peace pending a solution began to come under increasing stress. The exchange of maps of respective LAC claims to clarify differing perceptions was never completed.

Infrastructure development

Instead, what did happen amid the continuing ambiguity over the LAC was a push by both sides to bolster their claims through facts on the ground, such as more infrastructure in forward areas and increasing frequency of patrols. Patrols of both sides that would in some pockets meet once a month were soon encountering each other every week – a recipe for tensions. As Gokhale reflects, "a partial explanation for the lack of success in reaching a mutually acceptable boundary settlement during the twenty years from 1992 to 2012 might lie in the 1993 and 1996 agreements themselves". "By making both sides more conscious of the importance of strengthening their physical presence in these areas, the two agreements might have inadvertently created conditions for the subsequent slowing down of the boundary negotiations until the parties felt they were in a more comfortable position along the LAC."

The result, 30 years on, is a markedly different context along the India-China border. Indeed, the commitments enshrined in the very first article of the very first India-China border agreement were blatantly cast aside in the current crisis, which began in April 2020 with China, for reasons still unexplained, mobilising a large number of troops in multiple areas along the LAC and unilaterally appearing to enforce its LAC of 1959.

While military commanders of both sides continue to meet to work out a new set of CBMs in this new context, the parallel process of settling the boundary dispute has all but completely stalled. The last meeting was the 22nd round that was held between National Security Adviser Ajit Doval and Chinese Special Representative Wang Yi in December 2019. They haven't met since. Thirty years on, the India-China border remains as unsettled as ever, as does the broader relationship. It took a crisis three decades ago to bring both sides to the BPTA. Whether the current crisis will bring another transformative moment in relations remains to be seen.

Comeback conservative

David Cameron

The former British Prime Minister is back in the government as Foreign Secretary as PM Sunak reshuffles his Cabinet after firing controversial Home Secretary Suella Braverman

Priyali Prakash

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David Cameron, who was the U.K. Prime Minister during 2010-16, was seen entering Prime Minister Rishi Sunak's official residence on November 13, shortly after controversial Home Secretary Suella Braverman was sacked, leaving many surprised.

Seven years after resigning from the post of Prime Minister, Mr. Cameron is now back as the country's Foreign Secretary. Former (outgoing) Foreign Secretary James Cleverly was appointed Home Secretary.

Perhaps the most notable among Mr. Cameron's political legacy was the 2016 Brexit referendum that resulted in a narrow majority favouring to "leave" the EU. In what became popular as the Bloomberg speech, Mr. Cameron announced his plan for a referendum on British membership of the EU in January 2013.

The result of the Brexit referendum led to Mr. Cameron's resignation from the post of the Prime Minister since his campaign was in favour of staying within the bloc.

Mr. Cameron's involvement with the Conservative Party goes way back in time, even before his political career took off. In 1984, a year before he started his course at the University of Oxford, Mr. Cameron worked for the Sussex Conservative MP Tim Rathbone. After graduation, he joined the Conservative research department where he worked for PM Margaret Thatcher and her successor John Major. He quickly rose in the party and later held the post of special adviser, first at the Treasury and then at the Home Office.

Electoral career

Mr. Cameron was elected the MP from Witney for the first time in 2001. By 2005, he became the leader of the party, defeating better-known competitors, and hoping to usher in an era of "modern, compassionate conservatism", which, in his own words, was based on "trusting people and sharing responsibility". He led the Conservative Party for almost 11 years, which is a rare feat and only Stanley Baldwin, Winston Churchill, and Margaret Thatcher have held the post for longer.

The world was recovering from the 2008 financial crisis when Mr. Cameron was elected Prime Minister in 2010. To reduce the budget deficit, he introduced austerity measures.

Austerity measures introduced by the Cameron administration also drew attention to and caused criticism of the Prime Minister's own elite upbringing. Mr. Cameron studied at some of Britain's premier institutions, the Eton College and the University of Oxford. Sociologist Lee Elliot Major and economist Stephen Machin, in a blog post, even claimed that he descended from King William IV of the 19th century.

Mr. Cameron's tenure as the U.K. leader was marked by international events such as the Arab Spring and the war on Libya. The U.K. was part of an international coalition that intervened in Libya in 2011 to overthrow dictator Muammar Gaddafi. Mr. Cameron was later accused of diving into the exercise without a coherent strategy, causing Libya to descend into violence and instability. A 2016 U.K. Foreign Affairs Committee report blamed him for failing to adequately plan for the aftermath. In 2013, Mr. Cameron became the first U.K. PM in over 100 years to lose a parliamentary vote on military action that ruled out armed intervention in the Syrian Civil War.

"Whatever the pros and cons of his premiership, it ended in disastrous failure. Like Tony Blair, on whom he often seemed to model himself, his legacy will be summed up in one word. For Blair it was Iraq. For Cameron it is Europe," historian Ian Kershaw wrote in *The Guardian* in 2016.

Now back in the government with a brand-new job as Lord Cameron of Chipping Norton, Mr. Cameron's appointment is also shrouded in concerns about the Greensill Capital scandal. A 2021 parliamentary inquiry had found that he showed lack of judgement while lobbying government officials, including Mr. Sunak, on behalf of a financial services firm.

"As a former PM, I accept that communications with government need to be done through only the most formal of channels, so there can be no room for misinterpretation," Mr. Cameron had said in response to the allegations.

Seeking 'self-governance'

Indigenous Tribal Leaders' Forum

The tribal organisation faces an FIR for 'attempting to wage war against the government of India' after it declared a separate administration within Manipur

Rahul Karmakar

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Organisations permanent and temporary are dime a dozen in Manipur. Each has its moment or an extended phase of relevance but very few have been in the news as much as the Indigenous Tribal Leaders' Forum (ITLF) since Manipur started spiralling into chaos after clashes between the Kuki and Meitei people broke out on May 3.

On November 17, the officer in charge of Churachandpur police station lodged an FIR against ITLF general secretary Muan Tombing for "attempting to wage war" against the government of India. This was in reference to his announcement on November 15 that a "separate administration" would soon be formed comprising districts such as Churachandpur, Kangpokpi, and Tengnoupal, dominated by the Kuki-Zomi people. The FIR was lodged a day after the MLAs of the ruling BJP condemned his statement and sought legal action against him and the ITLF.

The ITLF was formed on June 9, 2022, at the office of the Kuki Inpi Churachandpur (KIC) in Tuibong village by leaders of recognised tribes within the Churachandpur district. Apart from the Kuki Inpi, an apex body of the Kuki people, the constituents of the ITLF are the Paite Tribe Council (PTC), Simte Tribe Council, Vaiphei People's Council and Mizo People's Convention. Pagin Haokip, the executive member of the KIC, is the chairman of the ITLF while Mr. Tombing is also the secretary of the PTC. Another key founder-member of the ITLF is its spokesperson Ginza Vualzong.

Almost two years before the ITLF was formed, Mr. Vualzong had launched the Research & Preservation of the Zo Identities (RPZI) that focused on studying issues and correcting the 'distorted history' of the communities belonging to the Zo family, which includes the Kuki-Zomi of Manipur, Mizos of Mizoram, Chins of Myanmar and Chin-Kukis of Bangladesh. Soon after its formation, the RPZI petitioned the Chief Minister to "denotify and correct" the Chivu stone inscription at the Chivu-Chandrakirti Park in Churachandpur district's Tonzang that "wrongly claimed the victory" of (Meitei king) Chandrakirti over four Lushai (Mizo) chiefs and the subjugation of 112 villages during 1871-72.

'War on drugs'

The Chivu controversy followed the Manipur government's "war on drugs 2.0" and preceded an eviction drive against encroachers of reserved forests (RFs) and protected forests (PFs), both allegedly targeted at the Kuki-Zomi people who have come to be labelled as "narco-terrorists". The State government claims both drives have been community-neutral, pointing out that Meitei squatters were uprooted from 16 RFs and PFs compared to Kukis from four.

According to the Coordinating Committee on Manipur Integrity, an umbrella body of Meitei organisations, Kuki-Zomi organisations spearheaded by the ITLF have for long nurtured a dream of achieving a separate administration, independent state, or country. This, it said, was evident from the call for a Zo homeland, encompassing the Kuki-Zomi-inhabited areas of Manipur, endorsed by the Mizo National Front that rules the adjoining Mizoram. Ten Kuki-Zomi MLAs of Mizoram, seven of them belonging to the BJP, have also supported the demand for a separate administration for the community.

The ITLF, which formed six departments after the ethnic crisis that unfolded in Manipur on May 3 "to tackle pressing issues and ensure the overall welfare of our Kuki-Zomi-Hmar-Mizo tribal communities", clarified that Mr. Tombing's announcement of a "separate administration" was more of a plan for "self-rule" within the framework of the Constitution of India than a threat to secede from Manipur.

"So many of us have been killed. We have been driven out of (the Meitei-dominated) Imphal Valley, called names, and branded illegal immigrants. Meitei organisations have declared war on us and we cannot trust the Biren Singh government. We need self-governance for our welfare instead of waiting for the government to give us a solution," Mr. Vualzong said.

INBRIEF

India's gem, jewellery exports slid 11.5% to ₹22,873 cr. in Oct.

India's overall gems and jewellery exports declined by 11.5% to ₹22,873.19 crore ($2,748.01 million) in October, according to the Gem and Jewellery Export Promotion Council (GJEPC) data. Gross exports stood at ₹25,843.84 crore ($3,134.85 million), the data showed. Cut and Polished Diamonds (CPD) exports witnessed a fall of 32.7% to ₹10,495.06 crore ($1,260.91 million) compared with ₹15,594.49 crore ($1,891.2 million) in the year-earlier period. PTI

CAI lowers cotton pressing estimates to 294.1 lakh bales

The Cotton Association of India (CAI) lowered cotton pressing estimates for the 2023-24 marketing season, beginning October 1, at 294.10 lakh bales due to crop damage following pink bollworm infestation and uprooting of cotton plants by farmers in Haryana. In Haryana, CAI estimated the cotton pressing to be at 15 lakh bales in 2023-24 (11 lakh bales), CAI said in a statement. In 2021-22, the total cotton pressing stood at 318.90 lakh bales, as per the CAI. PTI

GTRI cautions govt. on IPEF's clean, fair economy pacts

With IPEF members concluding negotiations for fair and clean economy agreements, India should follow a cautious approach while finalising the text of these pacts as new commitments need not restrict its policy space or tax revenue-generation abilities, as per a report. Think tank Global Trade Research Initiative (GTRI) said this includes careful consideration in areas such as clean-economy commitments and labour standards. PTI

Dell, HP, Foxconn get nod under IT hardware PLI 2.0

Minister Vaishnaw says approval to lead to an investment of ₹3,000 crore, additional production of 3.5 lakh crore units, direct employment for 50,000 and indirect jobs for 1.5 lakh persons

S. Ronendra Singh
NEW DELHI

Dell, HP, Flextronics and Foxconn are among the 27 firms to get nod under the new IT hardware Production Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme.

The scheme extends to eligible companies for six years an average incentive of about 5% on the net incremental sales (over base year) of the goods covered under the target segment and made in India.

"The best part is 23 of these companies are ready to start manufacturing from day zero and the other four will begin production within next 90 days," Ashwini Vaishnaw, Minister of Communications, Electronics and IT, said.

Boosting IT: Electronics manufacuturing is rapidly moving towards $300 billion, says Minister Viashnaw. REUTERS.

This will lead to an investment of about ₹3,000 crore, additional production of about 3.5 lakh crore units and direct employment for some 50,000 and indirect jobs for 1.5 lakh (total two lakh employees).

"The best part is the value chain is shifting to India and that's most important.

"Already, we are around $105 billion (worth in electronics manufacturing) and moving rapidly towards $300 billion in the coming few years."

(The writer is with The Hindu businessline)

Gen AI no threat to jobs, says SAP Labs' Gangadharan

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BENGALURU

Generative Artificial Intelligence (Gen AI) is no threat to anyone's job prospects, instead, more young and smart technologists are going to be required around the globe and there is no doubt about it, said Sindhu Gangadharan, MD, SAP Labs India and Vice-Chairperson, Nasscom.

She was allaying concerns over a common misconception that Gen AI would do away with some jobs, while responding to a query from *The Hindu*.

Sindhu Gangadharan

"The tech sector in general was overwhelmed and hired a lot of people during the pandemic," she said. "Now, the demand has rationalised. But, that doesn't mean no jobs. So, find your niche, know where you want to focus on and become the best at it is my message to the young tech grads. Market fluctuations will anyway keep happening, but smart technologists are always wanted all over the world."

However, she agreed there was a lot of banter around Gen AI, and 'honestly' that had to settle down a bit. "Again, we can talk about a lot of use cases, but concrete application of these cases is what matters and for that we require smart engineers, right?" she argued, adding 34% of SAP's workforce was early talent (freshers).

BoB plans to raise up to ₹15,000 crore via bonds

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

Bank of Baroda (BoB) said it proposes to raise up to ₹15,000 crore via bonds to fund business growth.

The capital raising committee of the bank has approved the issuance of ₹2,000 crore Tier II/subdebt bond with a greenshoe option to raise another ₹3,000 crore, BoB said.

BoB will also issue infrastructure bonds of ₹2,000 crore with ₹8,000-crore greenshoe option.

Tata Tech sees large opportunities in aerospace sector

Lalatendu Mishra
PUNE

Tata Motors' promoted Tata Technologies Ltd. is leveraging its automotive experience to serve clients in adjacent verticals such as aerospace where it sees large opportunities for growth, its CFO said.

The company is working to secure projects with the top Engineering R&D (ER&D) spenders within its focus verticals of automotive, aerospace and transportation and construction heavy machinery (TCHM). Clients primarily include tier 1 suppliers and OEMs, including aerospace major Airbus, which selected it as an Engineering, Manufacturing Engineering, and Client Services Strategic Supplier.

The global ER&D spending for the aerospace and defense market was valued at $52 billion in 2022 and is expected to increase by about $10 billion by 2026, according to a Zinnov report. The outsourced ER&D market in aerospace would be about $10-11 billion (16-17%) of the total Engineering R&D spend of $62 billion by 2026, according to the report.

"We are extremely excited about the aerospace sector," said Tata Technologies CFO Savitha Balachandaran. "Building upon our experience in the automotive sector, we are seeing much more opportunities in the aerospace sector. Today 10% of our revenue comes from aerospace and this is going to grow," she added.

Savitha Balachandaran

"Also the investment the Tata group is making in the sector provides lot of opportunities. Air India is already a customer and we are going to grow that partnership," she said. Tata Technologies is involved in the refurbishment of Air India's existing fleet.

"Given the investment that the large aircraft manufacturers are talking about and given the fact that India is going to play a much larger role also provides us big opportunities. We are also involved in the reverse engineering process and we are excited about it," she added.

'Aerospace MRO'

Recently, it leveraged its deep automotive domain knowledge in manufacturing tooling to enter the aerospace MRO sector.

Passenger to freighter conversions is another area of opportunity.

The company has announced plans to tap the capital market with an offer for sale public issue exceeding ₹3,000 crore.

(The writer was in Pune at the invitation of Tata Technologies)

Former Reserve Bank of India Governor S. Venkitaramanan passes away at 92

T. Ramakrishnan
CHENNAI

Former Governor of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) S. Venkitaramanan (92), passed away at a private hospital in Chennai on Saturday following age-related complications.

He is survived by two daughters including former Chief Secretary of Tamil Nadu, Girija Vaidyanathan.

Born on January 28, 1931, in Tirumayam of Pudukottai district, Venkitaramanan obtained a post-graduate degree in physics from University College, Thiruvananthapuram. After he joined the Indian Administrative Service (IAS) in 1953, he also received a post-graduate degree in management from the Carnegie Mellon University in the U.S., in 1968.

Belonging to the Tamil Nadu cadre of the IAS, Venkitaramanan was appointed RBI Governor in December 1990 when a balance of payment crisis was brewing in the economy.

'Critical juncture'

"Venkitaramanan was Governor of Reserve Bank of India at a critical time when the country faced a most severe balance of payments problem," recalled C. Rangarajan, who served in the RBI as a Deputy Governor during Venkitaramanan's time at the helm and subsequently succeeded him as Governor, in December 1992. "This was the time when there were quick changes in the Central government. The responsibility of the Reserve Bank of India, in that context, became even more critical," he added.

"He faced the situation with great determination and courage. We had to raise the necessary resources to bridge the gap.

S. Venkitaramanan: 1931-2023

We took the extraordinary step of shipping gold out of India to raise the foreign exchange," Dr. Rangarajan observed. "Venkitaramanan tapped all his friends in the various international financial institutions to raise the needed foreign exchange," he recalled.

'Leadership in crisis'

Yaga Venugopal Reddy, a former RBI Governor who served in the Union Finance Ministry in the early 1990s and had worked closely with Venkitaramanan during the Balance of Payments crisis recalled him with great admiration.

"I am a great admirer of Venkitaramanan. His dedication to the nation was evident in his determination not to allow any default," observed Dr. Reddy. "If there is one person who showed extraordinary leadership in resolving the Balance of Payments crisis, it is Venkitaramanan, who was then Governor of the RBI. It was the country's good fortune," he added.

His two-year-long tenure at the helm of the central bank also coincided with the multi-crore securities scam. Amid the Opposition's persistent demand for his resignation, the then Union Finance Minister Manmohan Singh, in July 1992, gave a clean chit in Parliament to Venkitaramanan, saying he had "performed his duty in a manner worthy of his office."

Dr. Rangarajan also cited Venkitaramanan's contribution to economic reforms. "Venkitaramanan was also a reformer. He initiated the banking sector reforms. He made the initial change in the exchange rate management system by moving towards a dual exchange rate regime. He was a courageous person who took the right decisions at the right time. The nation is deeply indebted to him," he added.

"His term also saw India adopt the IMF's stabilisation programme where the Rupee underwent a devaluation and the launch of the programme of economic reforms," the RBI said on its website about Venkitaramanan's tenure as Governor.

Finance Secretary

In his long administrative career, Venkitaramanan occupied various positions, both in the Tamil Nadu government and at the Centre. He had the distinction of holding the post of Finance Secretary in the State as well as in the Union government.

In March 1969, a month after M. Karunanidhi became Chief Minister, he was made Finance Secretary and held the post till June 1974. Eleven years later (February 1985), he became Finance Secretary in the Union government and served there for four years.

Earlier in his service, between the end of 1962 and 1966, he served as Private Secretary to the then Union Minister C. Subramaniam and was a member of the team that oversaw the implementation of the Green Revolution programme. While in the State government's service, he also held the post of Vice-Chairman and President, Southern Petrochemical Industries Corporation (SPIC) during 1977-83.

'Humane manner'

Talking of Venkitaramanan's stint as Tamil Nadu's Finance Secretary, Electronics and Information Technology Secretary in the Union government S. Krishnan, who served as Finance Secretary in the State between June 2019 and November 2021, recounted an anecdote about Venkitaramanan, which exemplified his keenness to resolve issues and problems in a humane manner.

When the Finance department refused to entertain the request of the family of a government employee who died immediately after the launch of the Family Benefit Scheme on the ground that an amount of ₹5 was not deducted monthly from the employee's salary, Venkitaramanan was said to have pinned ₹5 to the file, Mr. Krishnan recounted.

Recalling his senior from the cadre as a very innovative and positive person, R. Poornalingam, who belongs to the 1970 batch of the Tamil Nadu cadre of the IAS, said Venkitaramanan was credited with many schemes in the State including introduction of computerisation of government accounts in 1974 .

Venkitaramanan also served for a brief stint as Adviser on economic affairs at the Prime Minister's Office when Rajiv Gandhi was the PM.

In May 1989, he was deputed to Karnataka as an Advisor to the Governor, at a time when the State was under President's rule.

TIRUMALA TIRUPATI DEVASTHANAMS : TIRUPATI
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Tender No : 2nd Re E-Tender No. WRD/KWACE(SR)TR/7902/2022_5_6_5/1 Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM)-2022-23- CWSS to 13 Panchayaths based on Malankara Reservoir - Package-VI- Melukavu Panchayath - Providing transmission mains, Construction of service reservoirs, Providing Distribution networks and FHTCs and allied works. **EMD :** Rs. ₹ 5,00,000/-, **Tender fee :** Rs. ₹. 16540 +(₹ 2978) GST, **Last Date for submitting Tender :** 01-12-2023 12:00:pm, **Phone :** 0481 2562745

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GOVERNMENT OF KERALA
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6482/C4/2023/SM 18.11.2023

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Dated: 16-11-2023

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WONDERFUL GESTURE

For Dravid to give me the freedom says a lot about him: Rohit

K.R. DEEPAK

Rahul Dravid was a part of a lost cause in the 2003 edition; now as coach, he may get lucky in seeing his wards seize the trophy. Rohit Sharma lauded Dravid's contribution: "Looking at how Rahul *bhai* himself played his cricket and how I am playing these days, it is a contrast. For him to give me that freedom, says a lot about him."

TEAM-MAN

Once the opportunity opened up, Shami was right there: Rohit

EMMANUAL YOGINI

Rohit Sharma praised Mohd. Shami's contribution: "It was tough for him to not play the initial part of the World Cup. But he was there to help Mohd. Siraj and Jasprit Bumrah. When you are playing a team sport, people understand why you miss out on certain occasions. Once the opportunity opened up, he was right there."

EXTRA MOTIVATION

It's for us to win the World Cup for Dravid, says Rohit

K.R. DEEPAK

Ever since taking over as the head coach of the Indian team in November 2021, Rahul Dravid focused on giving every individual the liberty to play his own game. Rohit Sharma said that the onus lies on the team to win the World Cup for Dravid. "He wants to be part of this big occasion, and it's for us to do it for him," Rohit said.

COMING TOGETHER

Two legends, same teams and plenty of memories

FILE PHOTO

Two decades ago, when India and Australia squared off in a World Cup final, it was heartbreak for the former. But, the captains of the 2003 final — Sourav Ganguly and Ricky Ponting — will be in attendance for Sunday's final. Ponting has been in the commentary panel, while Ganguly reached Ahmedabad on Saturday morning.

India and Australia will look to put on a regal show as coronation day beckons

Rohit's men, in red-hot form with 10 consecutive wins in this campaign, will see this as a golden opportunity to end their decade-long ICC silverware drought; Cummins & Co. will be determined to clinch the crown for a record-extending sixth time, after its triumph at home in 2015

ODI WORLD CUP

K.C. Vijaya Kumar
AHMEDABAD

The World Cup awaits its coronation. Opening its campaign against Australia at Chennai on Oct. 8, India will now face the same opponent in the final at the Narendra Modi Stadium here on Sunday. For the Men in Blue, life has come a full circle while they seek the Cup that will add lustre to their legacy.

The host has remained unbeaten so far and the rival has notched eight wins on the trot. Just like the IAF jets that did their sorties on Saturday, India and Australia too want to scale the skies when the dust eventually settles on the quadrennial tournament. Just that one team will embrace ecstasy while the other will sulk in agony, and that is the nature of sport.

Australia last played a World Cup final on Indian soil in the 1987 edition when Allan Border's men prevailed over England at Kolkata's Eden Gardens. Cut to the present, the challenge is even more arduous as Rohit Sharma's men are in red-hot form.

The team hit the high notes all through the championship, and if there was a stutter, it came right in that first clash against Australia when India was reduced to two for three while chasing a total of 199. Eventually, the host prevailed, and since then has never looked back.

But that brief stretch of vulnerability should enthuse the Aussies, as they hope to spoil India's expected party at a gargantuan venue where more than a lakh will throng, eager to become part of history. That India hasn't won any ICC silverware since the 2013 Champions Trophy title in England has been too heavy a cross to bear and Rohit and company get a chance to end this 10-year drought.

Waiting Prince: It will be a great chance for the fast-rising Gill to flourish on the biggest stage. K.R. DEEPAK

Rohit, Virat Kohli and the other batters are all in superb touch; the same holds true for the bowlers led by Jasprit Bumrah, as their rhythm and energy levels have been excellent. The fielding did lag a bit against New Zealand in the semifinal at Mumbai, and hopefully it will remain an aberration.

Meanwhile, Pat Cummins and his men have steadily progressed and have enough firepower to test the Indians.

David Warner and Glenn Maxwell, among batters, and the Mitchell Starc-led attack with Adam Zampa offering the spinning counter, are all part of the opposition's strengths.

It is a unit that may not have fired in unison like India, but Australia, having won the World Cup on five occasions, surely knows what needs to be done in a summit clash.

The pitch will be the same as the one used for the game against Pakistan on Oct. 14.

India won that encounter, and a repeat on Sunday will revive the Diwali spirit across the nation.

The teams (from):
India: Rohit Sharma (Capt.), K.L. Rahul, Virat Kohli, Shreyas Iyer, Suryakumar Yadav, Shubman Gill, Ishan Kishan, Ravindra Jadeja, R. Ashwin, Jasprit Bumrah, Mohammed Shami, Mohammed Siraj, Shardul Thakur, Kuldeep Yadav and Prasidh Krishna.
Australia: Pat Cummins (Capt.), Steve Smith, David Warner, Sean Abbott, Alex Carey, Cameron Green, Josh Hazlewood, Travis Head, Josh Inglis, Marnus Labuschagne, Mitchell Marsh, Glenn Maxwell, Mitchell Starc, Marcus Stoinis and Adam Zampa.
Umpires: Richard Kettleborough and Richard Illingworth.
Third umpire: Joel Wilson;
Match referee: Andy Pycroft.
Match starts at 2 p.m.

The Giants collide

Rohit's India is on a 10-game winning streak while Cummins' Australia has won eight on the bounce as they cross swords in the quest for ultimate glory. The two last met in a World Cup final in 2003

COURTESY: ICC

RECORD IN FINALS (ODI WORLD CUP)

INDIA
- bt West Indies in 1983
- lost to Australia in 2003
- bt Sri Lanka in 2011

AUSTRALIA
- lost to West Indies in 1975
- bt England in 1987
- lost to Sri Lanka in 1996
- bt Pakistan in 1999
- bt India in 2003
- bt Sri Lanka in 2007
- bt New Zealand in 2015

H2H in ODIs

	M	India	Australia	NR
Overall	150	57	83	10
In India	71	33	33	5
In World Cup	13	5	8	0

The 2023 campaign

	Total matches	Batting first		Batting second	
		P	W	P	W
India	10	5	5	5	5
Australia	10	5	4	5	4

Ahmedabad in World Cup 2023

- The Narendra Modi Stadium hosted the inaugural match (England vs. New Zealand)
- In the four games played at the venue, teams chasing have triumphed thrice and sides defending once
- In the league phase, India won by seven wickets against Pakistan while Australia defeated England by 33 runs

The Enforcers

India	Batting	Australia
Kohli (711, 10 inns)	Most runs	Warner (528, 10 inns)
Rohit (28)	Most sixes	Warner (24)
	Bowling	
Shami (23, 6 inns)	Most wickets	Zampa (22, 10 inns)
Bumrah (7)	Most maiden overs	Hazlewood (8)

The run so far (2023 World Cup)

India: W | W | W | W | W | W | W | W | W | W

Australia: L | L | W | W | W | W | W | W | W | W

Australia's losses in the league came against India and South Africa

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Prepared for this day ever since I became captain: Rohit

What's your take? An animated Jadeja discusses a point with Rohit who will aim to finish on a high. K.R. DEEPAK

K.C. Vijaya Kumar
AHMEDABAD

Rohit Sharma at press conferences is often about the measured word, an impish smile and the rare streak of exasperation. The glue that binds all these elements is patience topped with some humour. As the Indian skipper prepared for the World Cup final against Australia, he addressed the media at the Narendra Modi Stadium here on Saturday.

During a long interaction, the captain answered every query while equally stressing that he and his mates should not get too ahead of themselves in the final. "Since I became the captain, we prepared for this day. We identified players and gave role clarity. Till now everything has been good. Hopefully, Sunday will be the same," Rohit said.

About rival Australia, Rohit paid his respects while equally backing his unit: "Both teams deserve to play the final and we do understand the importance of what Australia can do. We need to focus on what is important for us, what we need to do as a team and as players as well. We will stick to it."

Keep calm and play cricket is perhaps Rohit's mantra, and he elaborated: "We know how the outside environment is, the expectations, pressure, criticism, and even accolades. We have tried to maintain calmness around the dressing room and on the field. I have grown up watching the 50-over World Cup. For me, this is the biggest moment. But I have to focus on what my team needs me to do and put aside everything."

And as for the playing surface, Rohit said: "The pitch used for the Pakistan game, there was no grass on it. This wicket has some grass on it. Tomorrow we have to come and assess again." The skipper remained tight-lipped about the playing eleven while the expectation was that India would remain unchanged.

With equally heavyweight batting and bowling, fielding could tilt the scales

Sunil Gavaskar

Here we are, then. Modern cricket's greatest rivals will clash to wrest the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup. There could not have been a better setting than the coliseum, which is the Narendra Modi Stadium in Motera, Ahmedabad.

India have come through smoothly with the odd amber light to slow down while the Australians have had to deal with a couple of red lights before they came to Ahmedabad. Both teams are as ready as 'ready' can be and we could be in for what could well turn out to be as good a final as the last one in England when England finally won the title.

In the T20 format, it is usually said that the PowerPlay decides which way the game is going to go. In this 50-over World Cup that has been true of the games that India has won, both while batting as well as bowling they have done exceptionally well in the first 10 overs to set the tone for the rest of the game.

Their batters are the dream boys as usual with the top five in tremendous form, but this time around, their bowlers have opened the eyes of the cricketing world and showed that while batters win matches, it is bowlers who win tournaments.

Devastating

Jasprit Bumrah, Mohd. Siraj and Mohd. Shami have been devastating with the ball and whenever they have been given a breather, the spin duo of Ravindra Jadeja and Kuldeep Yadav have smilingly lured the batters to their doom.

No team has had an attack like this in the tournament and even on pitches which have been flat, the Indian bowlers have found a way to break through.

The Australians are not too far behind with the left and right hand combo of Mitchell Starc, Josh Hazlewood and skipper Pat Cummins making life tough for the batters. Adam Zampa has bowled cleverly and used the pressure built by the pacers to grab wickets in the middle overs. Travis Head and Glenn Maxwell are nowhere near Nathan Lyon but have got wickets at crucial times for Australia.

What Rohit Sharma does for India in the first PowerPlay, the two Aussie southpaws Travis Head and David Warner do for Australia. They get after the bowlers straightaway and get the team off to a flying start.

They will be the danger men that India will have to get rid off mighty early. Then there is Maxwell.

It was said in earlier times about the Pakistan team that nobody knew which Pakistan team was going to turn up and enter the field. The world beating one or the below club level one.

The same can be said about Maxwell. Nobody knows what they are going to get to see on the day. Make no mistake, though, if it is the Maxwell against Afghanistan that the Wankhede Stadium was fortunate to see, then India may well kiss their World Cup dreams good bye.

He is a game-changer. The staunch Indian fans might not enjoy it but the discerning ones will know they are watching someone they won't find again.

Usually when two top sides clash in cricket, the battle is between one side's batters against the other side's bowlers.

This time around, though the two teams are so well balanced in both batting and bowling, it is hard to separate them.

The fielding could well be the difference and here the Aussies are much better than the Indians.

More than batting and bowling, it is in fielding that one has to hold one's nerve and so the team that holds theirs will be holding the Trophy aloft too.

(Professional Management Group)

It would be an absolute privilege to lift the trophy, says Cummins

We were all kids not too long ago, watching some of those great teams win the 1999, 2003, 2007 World Cups and that's the opportunity ahead of us on Sunday; the crowd is obviously going to be very one-sided, feels the Australia skipper

ODI WORLD CUP

Shayan Acharya
AHMEDABAD

Balancing act: Labuschagne's stability in the middle-order will be crucial for Australia. VIJAY SONEJI

Pat Cummins was a six-year-old when Steve Waugh's star-studded Australian team won the World Cup title in 1999. He remembers watching the final of 2003 when Ricky Ponting's men added another trophy to their cabinet, beating India in the summit clash.

Two decades later, Cummins will be leading the Aussies in yet another World Cup final on Sunday, against a familiar opponent. And, he admits that it will be an 'absolute privilege' to clinch the title and create history.

"It would be huge (to win). We were all kids not too long ago, watching some of those great teams win the 1999, 2003, 2007 World Cups. That's the opportunity ahead of us tomorrow, which is really exciting," Cummins said on Saturday.

"As a captain, it would be an absolute privilege to lift the trophy with these great bunch of blokes.

"It would be awesome and in terms of the pinnacle, I think it is right up there. It's got the longest history of a world event where all the teams compete. You only get a shot at it every four years," he said.

So far, being a part of Australia's World Cup-winning squad in 2015 remains the 'highlight' for Cummins, but he hopes to do one better at the Narendra Modi Stadium. "Even if you have a long career, you might only play in two of these events. 2015 is still a career highlight for me, so I think tomorrow [Sunday] if we win, we might pip it," said Cummins with a smile.

The start of the tournament wasn't quite bright for Australia as it lost its first couple of games before returning to winning ways.

It went on to defeat South Africa in the semifinal of the tournament in a low-scoring thriller at Eden Gardens, and it hopes to continue its dream run in front of a partisan crowd.

"The crowd's obviously going to be very one-sided, but there's nothing more satisfying than hearing a big crowd go silent and that's the aim for us tomorrow," Cummins said.

"You have just got to embrace every part of it, every part of a final even you know in the lead-up there's going to be noise and more people. You just can't get overwhelmed.

"You got to be up for it, you gotta love it and just know whatever happens, it's fine, but you just want to finish the day with no regrets," the Aussie skipper said.

The pitch has been used before, but it looks pretty firm: Cummins

Shayan Acharya
AHMEDABAD

Australia captain Pat Cummins confirmed that Sunday's World Cup final will be played on a 'used surface'.

As reported by *Sportstar* earlier, the black soil pitch that was used for India's game against Pakistan last month will be persisted with, and addressing the media on the eve of the marquee clash, Cummins referred to it as a 'pretty good wicket'.

"I am not a great pitch reader, but it looked pretty firm. They have only just watered it, so yeah, (we will) give it another 24 hours and have a look.

"But it looks like a pretty good wicket," Cummins said. "Yes (It has been used before). I think Pakistan played there..."

The previous four games – except for the one between India and Pakistan – at the Narendra Modi Stadium have seen teams breaching the 240-run mark, and Cummins is bracing himself for a high-scoring outing.

"It's hard to know. I think it's been a bit more high scoring here throughout the tournament.

"Yeah, it's been a pretty good wicket, so yeah, it's hard to say (how it will play out)," Cummins said.

Over the last few days, the pitch has been the talking point after reports claimed that India's semifinal fixture in Mumbai was switched to a used pitch, without keeping ICC's independent pitch consultant Andy Atkinson in the loop.

Although the ICC later sent a clarification that there is no rule against playing knock-out games on used pitches and Atkinson was informed about the development in advance, the debate continued.

Atkinson, however, was back in Ahmedabad on Saturday morning and had a look at the surface, along with BCCI and GCA curators Taposh Chatterjee and Jayesh Patel.

As heavy rollers were being used, Atkinson had a lengthy discussion with his team and the Indian curators.

Big occasion, bigger support: The world's largest cricket stadium is all set to echo with the cheers of the India faithful as the Men in Blue take on Australia in the final on Sunday. K.R. DEEPAK

It will come down to a battle between an aggressive team and an aggressive captain: Raina

Shayan Acharya
AHMEDABAD

Flashback: Raina and Yuvraj's partnership ended Australia's 12-year reign in the World Cup back in 2011. FILE PHOTO: K.R. DEEPAK

As the Men in Blue square off against Australia in an ODI World Cup final at the Narendra Modi Stadium on Sunday, Suresh Raina – one of the key members of India's World Cup-winning team of 2011 – believes that it will be a battle between an aggressive Indian captain Rohit Sharma and an aggressive Australian team.

"Our team looks very strong under Rohit's leadership. It has all bases covered. But then, Australia is an aggressive team. So, it will eventually come down to a battle between an aggressive team and an aggressive captain," Raina told *Sportstar*.

Having seen Rohit evolve as a cricketer, Raina believes that it is important to keep calm. "Rohit loves playing against Australia, and even has a double century against them.

"Rohit recently told the media that whatever be the situation, the team has to be calm, and that's certainly the key. If you remain calm in high-pressure matches, results will follow," Raina said.

"Only if you are calm, you can make right decisions. India has the edge because Australia is already worried about our bowling attack with (Jasprit) Bumrah, (Mohammed) Shami, Kuldeep (Yadav) around. These three bowlers are going to trouble the Aussie batters..."

"I saw pictures of the Ahmedabad surface where they were using heavy rollers. If you are doing heavy rolling, then it will be a wicket similar to the one where we had the India vs Pakistan game. It will be a tad slow and whichever team wins the toss, they will hope to put runs on the board and put pressure on the opponent," Raina said.

In such a scenario, he expects India to bat first and put up a total around 350 and then unleash its bowlers.

However, in big-ticket events, plans may often derail, and that's where, Raina believes, the middle-order needs to step up.

"Virat and Rohit are always doing well. But my main guys will be Suryakumar (Yadav) and Shreyas Iyer.

"They both play aggressively. Our top two – Shubman Gill and Rohit – are doing well anyway, but in the final, it needs to be seen how the middle-order – especially Shreyas and Surya – handle pressure in case a few wickets fall early on," Raina said.

Though there are debates on whether India should bring in the seasoned R. Ashwin for the final, Raina feels otherwise.

"I don't think they will change the winning combination against Australia. You can't take any chances against such a team with just two fast bowlers in the ranks," he said.

"Had Hardik (Pandya) been around, it would have been a different thing. But I think India will go with the same team, and I doubt that they will bring in Ashwin by replacing Siraj.

"Siraj has done really well and his ability to swing and seam will help India in these conditions.

"One should keep in mind how he bowled Babar Azam beautifully at the same ground last month."

The numbers game

A statistical look at how the Indian and Australian squad members have performed against each other

INDIA

Batting	Inns	Runs	HS	Avg	SR	100s/50s
Rohit	44	2,332	209	58.30	95.30	8/9
Gill	6	268	104	44.66	95.37	1/1
Kohli	46	2,313	123	53.79	94.21	8/13
Shreyas	10	270	105	30.00	102.27	1/0
Rahul	15	625	97*	56.81	93.98	0/6
Suryakumar	6	130	72*	26.00	135.41	0/2
Jadeja	31	566	66*	25.72	75.97	0/2
Kishan	4	52	31	13.00	98.11	0/0
Bowling	**Inns**	**Wkts**	**BB**	**Avg**	**Econ**	**5W**
Bumrah	20	28	3/61	35.03	5.28	0
Shami	23	38	5/51	31.60	6.04	1
Siraj	6	7	3/29	39.00	6.63	0
Kuldeep	21	31	3/54	36.51	6.02	0
Jadeja	40	37	3/28	52.48	5.27	0
Ashwin	18	21	3/41	43.19	5.56	0
Shardul	5	3	3/51	73.00	7.06	0
Prasidh	2	3	2/56	33.66	9.18	0

AUSTRALIA

Batting	Inns	Runs	HS	Avg	SR	100s/50s
Warner	25	1,215	128*	50.62	98.54	3/9
Head	8	208	51*	29.71	94.97	0/1
Marsh	10	458	102*	65.42	115.94	1/3
Smith	24	1,306	149	54.41	100.84	5/6
Labuschagne	11	387	72	35.18	89.37	0/3
Maxwell	30	941	96	34.85	134.04	0/6
Stoinis	17	438	62*	36.50	87.07	0/2
Green	6	100	31	16.66	69.44	0/0
Carey	17	376	55*	28.92	95.67	0/1
Inglis	3	77	45	25.66	95.06	0/0
Bowling	**Inns**	**Wkts**	**BB**	**Avg**	**Econ**	**5W**
Cummins	20	26	5/70	37.03	5.24	1
Hazlewood	10	15	3/38	32.26	5.34	0
Starc	18	27	6/43	34.25	6.02	2
Zampa	22	34	4/45	33.20	5.67	0
Maxwell	25	8	4/40	90.62	5.83	0
Head	3	0	—	—	6.21	0
Stoinis	17	13	2/27	55.23	6.03	0
Abbott	6	7	3/23	47.85	6.12	0
Green	7	3	2/103	90.00	6.80	0
Marsh	5	4	2/55	54.50	6.60	0

Source: ESPNCRICINFO

Compiled by **S. DIPAK RAGAV**

Batters who matter

Different blokes, different strokes: Australia will look to Smith to play anchor while Marsh goes hammer and tongs at the Indian attack. K.R. DEEPAK & VIJAY SONEJI

Sinner moves into the final

ATP FINALS

Agence France-Presse
TURIN

Jannik Sinner reached the final of the ATP Finals, beating Daniil Medvedev 6-3, 6-7(4), 6-1 in front of passionate home support on Saturday.

The World No. 4 is the first Italian to make the summit clash of the season-ending tournament.

I did it! Sinner celebrates his entry into the summit clash. AFP

Bopanna-Ebden out

Earlier, Rohan Bopanna playing in partnership with Matthew Ebden crashed out in the semifinals, losing Marcel Granollers of Spain and Horacio Zeballos of Argentina 5-7, 6-4 in 80 minutes.

Meanwhile on Friday, Zverev finished his season by beating Rublev 6-4, 6-4 in the late match, with neither player having a chance of advancing.

The results: Singles (semifinals): Jannik Sinner bt Daniil Medvedev 6-3, 6-7(4), 6-1.

Doubles (semifinals): Marcel Granollers & Horacio Zeballos bt Rohan Bopanna & Matthew Ebden 7-5, 6-4.

Friday's results: Red Group: Alexander Zverev bt Andrey Rublev 6-4, 6-4.

Doubles: Rajeev Ram & Joe Salisbury bt Rinky Hijikata & Jason Kubler 5-7, 6-1, 10-2.

Impressive Leclerc clinches pole

Champion Verstappen to join him on the front row as Sainz, second fastest in qualifying, is slapped with a 10 place grid penalty

In the fast lane: Leclerc speeds around the 'strip' during qualifying on Friday. REUTERS

LAS VEGAS GP

Reuters
LAS VEGAS

Charles Leclerc put Ferrari on pole position for the inaugural Las Vegas Grand Prix on Saturday with Red Bull's triple Formula One World champion Max Verstappen stepping up to join him on the front row.

Ferrari's Carlos Sainz was second fastest in qualifying, with Verstappen third, but the Spaniard has a 10 place grid penalty after repairs to his car following damage from a practice incident.

Leclerc was fastest in all three qualifying phases down the floodlit Strip, with its neon backdrop of landmark hotels and casinos, for his third pole in the last four races.

The Monaco driver was still disappointed with his laps, and a pole time of one minute 32.726 seconds only half a tenth faster than Sainz.

Enough for P1

"I didn't do a good enough job but it was enough for P1 so that's all we need and now full focus on tomorrow to try to put everything together in the race," he said.

"Normally that's where we lack the most performance so I hope we can put it all together and win here."

Russell in second row

George Russell will move up to third for Mercedes with Pierre Gasly fourth on the grid for Alpine in the first race in Sin City since the 1980s.

The Williams pair of Alex Albon and U.S. rookie Logan Sargeant qualified an impressive, and surprising, fifth and sixth.

The grid:

Front row: Leclerc (Ferrari), Verstappen (Red Bull).
2nd row: Russell (Mercedes), Gasly (Alpine).
3rd row: Albon (Williams), Sargeant (Williams).
4th row: Bottas (Alfa Romeo), Magnussen (Haas).
5th row: Alonso (Aston Martin), Hamilton (Mercedes).
6th row: Perez (Red Bull), Sainz (Ferrari).
7th row: Hulkenberg (Haas), Ricciardo (AlphaTauri).
8th row: Norris (McLaren), Ocon (Alpine).
9th row: Piastri (McLaren), Zhou (Alfa Romeo).
10th row: Stroll (Aston Martin), Tsunoda (AlphaTauri).
Note: Sainz penalised 10 places (engine change), Stroll penalised five places (overtaking under yellow flags).

Goal-fest: Sumit, prone, netting one of his goals. M. VEDHAN

Sumit slams six goals in UP's big win over Kerala

HOCKEY NATIONALS

Sports Bureau
CHENNAI

Sumit Kumar scored six goals in Uttar Pradesh's huge 13-1 win over Kerala in a Pool-G match of the Hockey India-13th Senior National men's hockey here on Saturday.

The results: Pool B: Himachal 4 (Kapil 5, Vikram 14, Gujrot Singh Sangha 34, Harsukhpreet Singh 59) bt Assam 0.
F: Jharkhand 10 (Royan Soy Murum 5, Vijay Xess 13, Michael Topno 17, 26, Anurud Bhengra 22, Dilbar Balra 44, Noyel Topno 47, 59, Kujur Lovelight 50, Kongari Joseph 56) bt AP 2 (Hitesh Lekkala Rao 2, Venu Gorrela Gopal 53).

Chandigarh 4 (Yograj 14, 15, Vishaljit Singh 17, Maninder Singh 40) bt Goans 2 (Issub Sayyed 3, 5).

G: Le Puducherry 4 (S. Suriya 23, Vinodhan 37, Veerathamizhan 41, R. Ranjith 59) bt Rajasthan 3 (Akhtar Shoyab 15, 45, Vijendra Singh Rathore 27).

UP 13 (Sumit Kumar 17, 19, 37, 44, 47, 48, Shivam Anand 8, Faraz Mohd. 10, Sunil Yadav 17, Manish Yadav 21, Pawan Rajbhar 22, Lalit Negi 40, Arun Sahani 54) bt Kerala 1 (Shahanul Shafas Kv 58).

LIVE TELECAST

NBA: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema App, 6.30 a.m.

Formula One: Las Vegas GP, F1 TV & F1 TV Pro App, 11.30 a.m.

Men's Cricket World Cup: Star Sports 1 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 2 p.m.

Tennis: ATP finals, Sony Sports Ten 5 (SD & HD) & LIV, 7.30 & 10.30 p.m.

Euro 2024: European Qualifiers, Sony Sports Ten 1, 2, 5 (SD & HD) & LIV, 7.30, 10.30 p.m. & 1.15 a.m. (Monday)

We need to be physically stronger for Paris: Fulton

K. Keerthivasan
CHENNAI

CHENNAI: Craig Fulton, who took charge as the head coach of the Indian men's hockey team in April, has done a good job so far. India won the Asian Champions Trophy in Chennai and then went on to bag the gold medal in the Asian Games in Hangzhou thereby qualifying for the 2024 Paris Olympics.

In an interview to *The Hindu* here on Saturday on the sidelines of the senior Nationals, the 49-year-old South African said: "If you had said in the first four months that there are three competitions and you have to qualify [for Paris Olympics] and still try and play the way you want to play, it didn't sound easy at all. But now we have a bit more time and a better understanding of the squad and the environment. I am enjoying it."

Fulton. M. VEDHAN

The reason for his Chennai visit, Fulton said, was to watch out for some exciting talent at the Nationals. "I always look for young talent. The Nationals is a place to do it. We have a good core group at the moment for seniors. You have to stand right out to get into the group. I am looking forward to the next nine-10 days," he said.

Monitor players

This time, Hockey India has got the assistant coach Rhett Halkett and a physio to monitor the National team players competing here. "It is important to have an idea of injuries to our National players as we have a camp right after the senior Nationals. We have to look after them," observed Fulton.

The key, said the head coach, was to get physically stronger for Paris. "We are not trying out any new things. It is all about being able to do things better than what we have been doing already. We need to be physically stronger for Paris," he observed.

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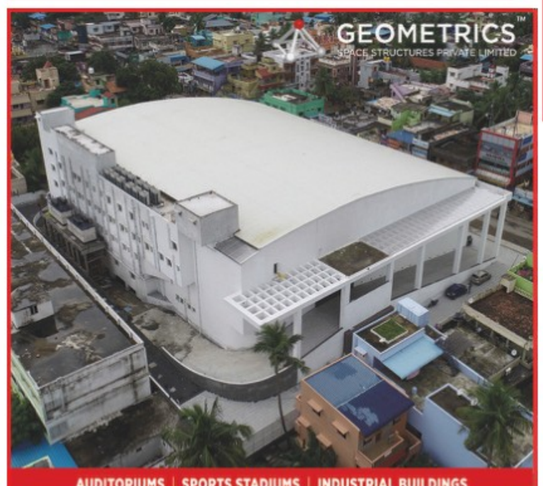

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O.S. No.2590/2023

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And :
Mr. Dalveer Singh Rawat
...Defendant

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION UNDER ORDER V RULE 20 OF CPC

Defendant :
Mr. Dalveer Singh Rawat,
S/o. Vijay Singh,
Aged About 32 Years,
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Whereas the plaintiff above named has instituted the above suit for recovery of money for sum of Rs. 8,31,137.37/- along with interest at the rate of 24% P.A. against you, and you are summoned to appear before the LVIII Addl. City Civil & Sessions Judge at Bengaluru (C.C.H-59), in person or by a pleader, on the day of **19.01.2024** at 11:00 AM to answer the claim, failing to which the suit would be disposed of Ex-Parte.

Given under my hand and seal of the court on this the **08th day of November**, 2023 at Bangalore.

By order of the Court,
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B.S. Jeevan Kumar
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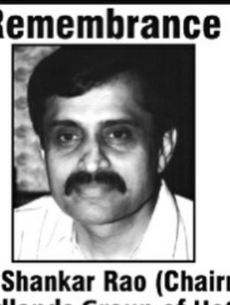

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DEATH

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INBRIEF

Neeraj Yadav fails dope test, might lose gold medals

India stares at the unpleasant possibility of losing two gold medals it won during the recent Hangzhou Asian Para Games as Neeraj Yadav failed a dope test conducted by the National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA) just "six days" before his departure for Hangzhou. If he is found to have committed a doping offence by the NADA panel, India is expected to lose the two gold medals Neeraj won in the F55 javelin and discus throw events in the October 22-28 event. It could also see India dropping one place down to sixth from the original fifth.

Jeevan and Vijay Sundar in Challenger doubles final

Second seeds Jeevan Nedunchezhiyan and Vijay Sundar Prashanth beat Johannes Ingildsen and Eero Vasa 6-4, 7-6(5) in the doubles semifinals of the €73,000 Challenger tennis tournament in Danderyd, Sweden. In the final, the Indian pair was scheduled to face the top seeds Julian Cash of Britain and Bart Stevens of Holland.

DGC wins Quadrangular Golf Championship

Delhi Golf Club (DGC), with a combined gross team score of 1111, won the fifth edition of the two-day inter-club Quadrangular Golf Championship that concluded at the Karnataka Golf Association (KGA) course in Bengaluru on Friday. Royal Calcutta Golf Club (RCGC) finished runner-up with 1123 while KGA was third with 1158. In the Fellowship Event, the KGA team consisting of 24 golfers emerged winner with a combined total of 417 stableford points ahead of Bombay Presidency Golf Club (403), RCGC (389) and DGC (374).

Ruhaan, Arya and Tijil stamp their authority

The trio deservingly finish with a win each in the LGB Formula 4 class; the second and third races as hotly contested as the first

MOTORSPORTS

Rayan Rozario
COIMBATORE

Championship leader Ruhaan Alva (MSport), Arya Singh and Tijil Rao from Dark Don Racing deservingly finished with a win each in the LGB Formula 4 class in the 26th JK Tyre FMSCI National Racing Championship at the Kari Motor Speedway in Chettipalayam here on Saturday.

Ruhaan, as expected, stamped his class winning the opening race. It was not easy though as Tijil gave him a tough fight, but Ruhaan kept his cool to clinch the race.

The second and third race was as hot as the first but Arya and Tijil, staved off a stiff challenge from a fighting Ruhaan to finish on top of the podium.

"Arya was too quick on the straights. Each time, I tried to defend he passed by smartly. It was hard to fight as he was so fast. Tijil was as quick as his teammate," said Ruhaan.

The results (provisional):
LGB Formula 4: Race 1: Ruhaan Alva (MSport) 19:48.550, 2. Tijil Rao (Dark Don Racing) 1:16.555, 3. T.S. Diljith (Dark Don Racing) 1:16.875. **Race 2:** 1. Arya Singh (Dark Don Racing) 20:55.669, 2. Tijil 20:56.711, 3. Ruhaan 20:56.738. **Race 3:** 1. Tijil 20:32.887, 2. Ruhaan 20:33.254, 3. Diljith 20:34.282.

JK Tyre Presents RE Continental GT Cup: Race 1: 1. Jagadeesh Nagaraj 6:05.395, 2. Anish Shetty 6:06.322, 3. Vignesh Goud 6:07.141. **Race 2:** 1. Anish 12:55.273, 2. P.M. Soorya 13:00.965, 3. Abhishek Vasudev 13:00.965. **Race 3:** 1. Anish 12:57.123, 2. Jagadeesh 12:59.901, 3. Rajkumar 13:00.209.

JK Tyre Novice Cup: Race 1: 1. Neythan McPherson (Momentum Motorsport) 14:39.144, 2. Arjun S. Nair (Momentum Motorsport) 14:39.459, 3. Jigar Muni (Momentum Motorsport) 14:42.854. **Race 2:** 1. Arjun 13:57.412, 2. M. Abhay (MSport) 13:57.615, 3. Joel Joseph (DTS Racing) 13:57.909.

Awesome outing: Dark Don Racing drivers Tijil, Arya and Ruhaan Alva of MSport are all smiles after their podium finishes. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Polished Girl takes the honours in Bangalore Turf Club Trophy

BENGALURU: Rajesh Narredu-trained Polished Girl (Suraj Narredu up) won the Bangalore Turf Club Trophy, the feature event of the races held here on Saturday (Nov 18).

The winner is owned by Mr. Daulat Chhabria, Mr. K. Kaliyaperumal, Mr. M. Ravi & Mrs. R. Chellam. Jockey Akshay Kumar won three races on the day.

THE RESULTS:

1. SHIVANASAMUDRA FALLS PLATE: PNEUMA (S. Saqlain) 1, Isabelle (L.A. Rozario) 2, Star Concept (P. Siddaraju) 3 and Dynamic Force (Akshay K) 4. 11-3/4, Shd and 2. 1m, 12.25s. ₹31 (w), 13, 18 and 12 (p), SHP: 48, THP: 53, FP: 132, Q: 108, Trinella: 1,029, Exacta: 3,082. Favourite: Pneuma.

Owner: M/s. Rapar Galloping Stars LLP rep by Mr. Rajendran. Trainer: Prasanna Kumar.

2. PHAR LAP PLATE: STRAVINSKY (Suraj) 1, Regal Aristocracy (Neeraj) 2, Nevada Gold (Akshay K) 3 and Super Marvella (S. Shareef) 4. 1-3/4, 1-1/2 and 5. 1m, 38.52s. ₹42 (w), 15, 11 and 19 (p), SHP: 39, THP: 38, FP: 71, Q: 21, Trinella: 205, Exacta: 1,309. Favourite: Regal Aristocracy.

Owners: M/s. Blazing Saddles (PF) & Mr. P. Ashwin Pai. Trainer: Irfan Ghatala.

3. SRIKISHAN SRIVASTAVA MEMORIAL MILLION: PHOENOMENON (Antony) 1, Il Volo (Akshay K) 2, Noble Pursuit (Saddam H) 3 and Sapient (Darshan) 4. Not run: Southern Star. 2-1/4, 4 and 2-3/4. 1m, 08.32s. ₹20 (w), 11 and 11 (p), SHP: 25, THP: 41, FP: 30, Q: 12, Trinella: 148, Exacta: 198. Favourite: Il Volo.

Owner: M/s. Rapar Galloping Stars LLP. Trainer: S. Dominic.

4. V. VENUGOPAL NAIDU MEMORIAL TROPHY (DIV. I): GALAHAD (Akshay K) 1, Champions Way (Suraj) 2, Philosophy (Neeraj) 3 and Stellantis (Srinath) 4. Not run: Douglas. 1-3/4, Nose and 3-1/2. 1m, 25.74s. ₹26 (w), 12, 10 and 14 (p), SHP: 32, THP: 30, FP: 48, Q: 22, Trinella: 158, Exacta: 286. Favourite: Champions Way.

Owners: Sarainaga Racing Pvt Ltd, M/s. DT Racing & Breeding LLP, Mr. Mukul A. Sonawala & Mr. S.R. Sanas & Mr. Inderraj Anand. Trainer: S. Attaollahi.

5. BANGALORE TURF CLUB TROPHY: POLISHED GIRL (Suraj) 1, O Hansini (Akshay K) 2, Priceless Gold (Antony) 3 and Isnt She Beautiful (Neeraj) 4. 1-1/4, 1 and 2-1/4. 1m, 11.77s. ₹28 (w), 17 and 23 (p), SHP: 39, THP: 46, FP: 159, Q: 90, Trinella: 1,144, Exacta: 2,398. Favourite: All Attractive.

Owners: Mr. Daulat Chhabria, Mr. K. Kaliyaperumal, Mr. M. Ravi & Mrs. R. Chellam. Trainer: Rajesh Narredu.

6. SMARTY JONES PLATE: PRANA (Akshay K) 1, Victoria Punch (Antony) 2, Cyrenius (Neeraj) 3 and Kalamitsi (Srinath) 4. Snk, 5 and 1-1/4. 1m, 37.49s. ₹17 (w), 12 and 23 (p), SHP: 39, THP: 32, FP: 119, Q: 87, Trinella: 182, Exacta: 375. Favourite: Prana.

Owner: M/s. Rapar Galloping Stars LLP rep. by Mr. Rajendran. Trainer: Prasanna Kumar.

7. V. VENUGOPAL NAIDU MEMORIAL TROPHY (DIV. II): MARZGOVEL (Akshay K) 1, Nikolina (Antony) 2, Macron (Kirtish Bhagat) 3 and Twinkle Feet (S. Saqlain) 4. Not run: Eridani. 1, 4 and Shd. 1m, 26.57s. ₹18 (w), 11, 14 and 11 (p), SHP: 36, THP: 39, FP: 47, Q: 40, Trinella: 93, Exacta: 467. Favourite: Marzgovel.

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Rewarding a winner: A.S. Ponnanna, member of the Karnataka legislative assembly and legal advisor to the Karnataka Chief Minister, presenting the Bangalore Turf Club trophy to Rajesh Narredu, the trainer of Polished Girl, as Arvind Raghavan, chairman and senior steward of BTC and steward Shivkumar Kheny look on. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Denmark and Albania advance

EURO QUALIFYING

Associated Press
GENEVA

Denmark and Albania advanced to the European Championship on Friday while title-holder Italy got a crucial win.

Italy beat North Macedonia 5-2 to avenge its elimination in the 2022 World Cup qualifying playoffs. Albania needed only a point in Moldova to secure its Euro 2024 place and did just enough in a 1-1 draw.

Denmark ensured it will finish top of Group H by beating closest rival Slovenia 2-1.

Speedy run: Wadia (co-driver Kashyap) in action.

Wadia and Kashyap in overall lead

Sports Bureau
BENGALURU

Delhi's Harkrishan Wadia and Himachal's Kunal Kashyap took the overall lead in Round 5 of the Blueband Sports FMSCI Indian National Rally Championship. At the end of day one of the Robusta Rally of Kodagu, organised by Robusta Adventure and Sports Academy, Wadia and co-driver Kashyap finished the tough Anandpura and Polibetta competitive stages driving an INRC2 spec Volkswagen Polo 1.6.

The results (provisional, day one): Overall: 1. Harkrishan Wadia & Kunal Kashyap (Arka Motorsports) (01:00:55.7s); 2. Jahaan Singh Gill & Suraj Keshav Prasad (Snap Racing) (01:01:27.5); 3. Aroor Vikram Rao & A.G. Somayya (Chettinad Sporting) (01:01:47.0).
INRC2: 1. Wadia & Kashyap (01:00;55.7); 2. Aroor & Somayya (01:01:47.0); 3. Sahil Khanna & K.N. Harish Gowda (Snap Racing) (01:02:41.8). **INRC3:** 1. Jahaan & Suraj (01:01:27.5); 2. Daraious Shroff & Shahid Salman (Chettinad Sporting) (01:02:51.8); 3. Sheshank Jamwal & Ashish Sharma (Arka Motorsports) (01:03:08.2).
INRC4: 1. Abhin Rai & Aravind Dheerendra (Ammyfied Rallying) (01:04:52.4); 2. Vivek Ruthuparna & Athreya Kousgi (Snap Racing) (01:05:34.7); 3. H.M. Prajwal & S.M. Vinay (Pvt.) (1:12:19.2).
Gypsy: 1. Darshan Nachappa & Abhinav Ganapathy (Ammyfied) (01:10:14.6); 2. Sanjay Agarwal & Phalguna Raghavendra (Pvt.) (01:11:28.6); 3. Michu Ganapathy & Venu Ramesh Kumar (Pvt.) (01:11:40.3).

BENGALURU ROUND-UP

Rutuja leads Indian challenge in ITF women's event

The Bowring Institute ITF World Women's Tour tournament will get underway with the first qualifying round on Sunday.

Players from as many as ten countries, including host India, will be in action on the clay courts of Bowring Institute, vying for the total prize purse of $25,000.

As many as six Indians – Rutuja Bhosale, Vaidehi Chaudhari, Pranjala Yadlapalli, Zeel Desai, Shrivalli Rashmikaa Bhamidipaty and Humera Baharmus – are part of the 20 players who have earned direct entries. This being a draw of 32, there will be eight qualifiers and four wild cards.

Karnataka's top player Sharmada Balu, and the promising Suhitha Maruri have been given wildcards along with Anjali Rathi and Sahira Singh.

The wildcards for the qualifying round include S. Vidhyalakshmi, Sai Janvi, Sanjitha Ramesh (all Karnataka), Lakshmi Prabha and Sejal Gopal Bhutada.

Big win for Karnataka U-23 men

Centuries from Aneeshwar Gautam (125 n.o.) and K.V. Aneesh (107) propelled Karnataka to a 79-run win over Haryana in the pre-quarterfinals of the BCCI Men's Under-23 State-A One Day Trophy in Delhi. In the last-eight clash, Karnataka will play Mumbai on Sunday.

The scores: Karnataka 343/5 in 50 overs (Macneil Hadley Noronha 46, K.V. Aneesh 107, Aneeshwar Gautam 125 n.o., R. Smaran 42, Samant Jakhar 3/78) bt Haryana 264 in 46 overs (Yuvraj Singh 101, Mayank Shandilya 45, Sarvesh Rohilla 28, Aman Sahrawat 25, A.C. Rohit Kumar 3/54).

Delhi U-15 women defeat Karnataka

Delhi defeated Karnataka by 93 runs in the BCCI Under-15 Women's One Day Trophy in Kolkata.

The scores: Delhi 196/3 in 35 overs (Nishika Singh 65, Sonakshi 81 n.o.) bt Karnataka 103 in 29.3 overs (Avleen Kaur 3/15, Sarah Lumba 3/28).

Yathish's five-for highlights South End SC's big win

Yathish's five-wicket haul (5/11) was instrumental in South End Sports Club's thumping eight-wicket win over Silky Town, Channapatna in the KSCA (Group I) fourth division league.

The scores: Silky Town, Channapatna 69 in 27.2 overs (Yathish 5/11) lost to South End SC 73/2 in 9.3 overs (Gagan Krishna Kumar 25, K. Mahesh 35).

Friends Cricket Team 108 in 19.3 overs (A.S. Abhishek 25, Chandrashekar Shastri 3/36, S. Shivaprasad 3/20) lost to City Gymkhana 109/4 in 21.2 overs (S. Shivaprasad 25 n.o., Robin Joseph 44).

Maharana 193/8 in 50 overs (H.R. Vijaykumar 101 n.o.) lost to Bharath CC 188/8 in 42 overs (R. Manohar 28, Sumedh S. Rao 28, Savan Bellur Ashok Kumar 57, Mahesh Kumar Bangera 3/35, S. Gagan Rao 3/40) [On better run-rate after match was interrupted by rain].

Hanumanthanagar 212 in 45.2 overs (C.L. Yashwanth Gowda 103, Mann Bhati 33, Sourabh Upadhya 29, B.R. Rathan 4/37) bt Jayanagar Colts 136 in 41.2 overs (Nikash Narendra Palaram 28, M.S. Ashwin 3/16).

Jeevanbhimanagar 123 in 30 overs (G. Akshay 40, Atish Vikram Bhosale 42, B.S. Suhas 3/35, S. Dhananjaya 4/30) lost to Friends XI, Doddaballapura 93/5 in 11 overs (R. Shiv 27, A.U. Pradyumna 3/41) [Target revised to 93 from 30 overs after rain interrupted play].

Malleswaram United 207 in 50 overs (Yashwanth Patel 38, B. Manish Kumar 36, C. Dilip 3/39) lost to Wadiyar 208/3 in 22.4 overs (Imran Pasha 98, Syed Muteeb Uddin 56).

Lions 242/9 in 50 overs (R. Shubham Sharma 30, Vinay Kumar Maski 33, Raed 32, B.T. Sanju 45, Pavan Gokhale 26 n.o., V. Akash 3/26, Sharath 4/61) bt Palace Orchard CC 175 in 44.5 overs (S. Dhanush 32, N.G. Vrijesh 28, Abhinav Rangappa 31, J.H. Samrudh 31, Pavan Gokhale 4/31).

Blue Diamond Cricketers 255/7 in 45 overs (R. Pratham 75, Ravi S. Bharadakane 30, M.G. Vinyas 26, Vinod Munikrishna 44, Debarshi Ghosh 3/51) bt IISC Gymkhana 77 in 23.5 overs (Sunil Chinnaswamy 4/35) [Match reduced to 45 overs because of rain].

Standard 149/8 in 38 overs (S. Nishal 52, Vikram Kumar 3/28) lost to Victory 79/4 in 20 overs (Nitish Arya 30, Vikram Kumar 26 n.o.) [On better run-rate after match was first reduced to 38 overs and then cut short because of rain].

Eleven Brothers, Magadi 118 in 30.3 overs (Saif Siddiqui 25, Bhojanapu Rajaram 25 n.o., Tarun Desai 3/26, Rohith Koya 3/28) lost to Sparklers 121/3 in 38.5 overs (Shreyas 46, Nihal Bhatkalkar 46).

Primrose HC-A squeaks past Royal HC

Primrose HC-A edged out Royal HC 1-0 in the KSHA-BHA B-division hockey league championship here on Saturday. In another match, Sahyadri HC, Shivamogga blanked Chitradurga DHA 6-0.

BFC routs Rebels FC

Bengaluru FC thrashed Rebels FC 11-0 to seal the BDFA Super Division Football League title here on Friday. BFC went unbeaten this season, winning 16 of its 17 games to emerge on top.

The results: BFC 11 (P. Ankith 17, 39, 59, Clarence Savio Fernandes 26, Amay Morajkar 34, 69, Thokchom Malemngaba 44, Lalpekhlua 76, 80, Oinam Ronex Meitei 79, Shashwat Panwar 86) bt Rebels FC 0; Sporting Club Bengaluru 4 (ShaiborLang Kharpan 6, Arif Shaikh 16, Thomyol Shimray 44, 90+2) bt BUFC 0; On Friday: Bangalore Independents FC 2 (Saravanakumar 87, A. Arun 90+3) bt ASC & Centre FC 1 (Jamsan Deep Singh 41); Roots FC 2 (Godwin Johnson 34, Anirudh Mukunthan 42) bt FAR Students Union FC 1 (Nakshatra Jain 40).